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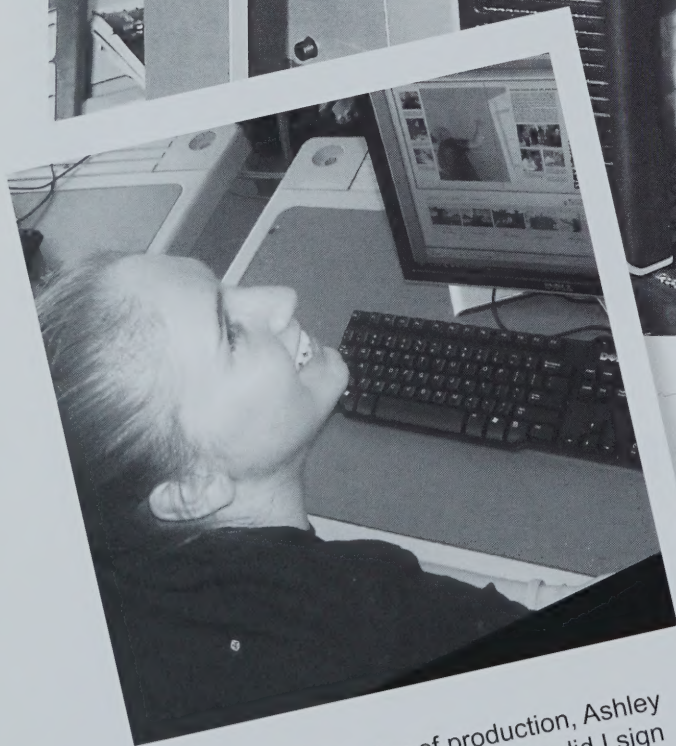
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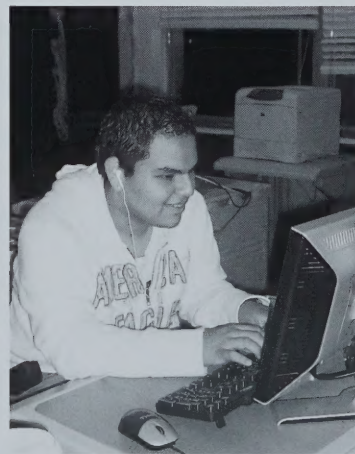
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After a frustrating day of production, Ashley Cummings delightfully asks: "Why did I sign up for yearbook again?!" Her smile says it all... 'cause it's fun!



John Montoya is in the production zone as he finishes work on a yearbook spread.

Natalie Galivanes and Jill Rhein make some tough editorial style choices for the book.



Here I Am-I Am Here!

When looking through the pages of a yearbook, we are not only looking at all the pictures of our friends; at the same time, we are looking for pictures of ourselves. We want to see our presence captured in a photograph or two. We want to be able to look at a photo of us at a point in time in our lives and say 'Oh! That was the day that...' Or, 'I can't believe I forgot all about that one time...'

The phrase "Here I Am" captures this search for ourselves and our memories in a simple yet powerful way. We say something like that when we want to be noticed; when we want people to know we are in the room...to bring attention to the fact that 'I have arrived!' No one likes to feel like just another face in crowd or to be just a face on a page amid dozens of other face portraits. 'Here I am!' We want to scream. We want to be able to pick ourselves out-- on the field, in the classroom, at campus events and with our friends-- living our lives at Dominican College. There can be no better catch phrase as we each strive to make our mark here during the Dominican years... 'Here I am...I am here! Can't you see all I've been a part of? I'm everywhere!'; or 'This is where I belong. You can always find me here... This is who I am. These are my friends. This is my life at college.'

A yearbook should come to life with all of the people in it. It should have its own personality, created by the student body and expressed in the pictures and words. It should make people want to go over every picture and article between its covers, taking them back to who they were at a particular moment in time, at a specific place in their lives. With only the pictures taken throughout the years and the memories we have attached them to, we are able to find out who we are.

The staff of the 2008 Aubade hopes this theme is well reflected in the pages of our book. Seeing the cover with the phrase "Here I Am" printed on the front, should beg the question, "Well... here who is?" We reached out to active student leaders, as well as a few up-and-comers trying to work to make a difference at DC. Hopefully, in these pages, you'll see yourself. But the only way you're going to be able to find out is if you look inside...

WHERE AM I?



Above: The pressure of deadlines is beginning to get to staff member Kristin Sudol.

Top: Editor-in-Chief Natalie Galivanes shows new staff member Anthony Picinic the ropes.



→ DJ ←



Orientation weekend was a great way for new students get to know each other at their new home away from home.

"When I first visted the campus, Dominican seemed like a small school, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized that for that exact reason I'd get to be part of something special and to get to know a lot more people. At Orientation I met so many new people, am. especially the other guys on the baseball team. I have become very close with them throughout the year. I was really nervous and didn't know what to expect, but as the weekend went on, I began to feel more at home in my surroundings. Being on the baseball helped me break out of my shell a little more. My teammates and the staff at Dominican made me feel more comfortable and were very supportive. My first year here was a great one. I made so many new friends and created bonds with people who I will be able to call my friends for life." --DJ Stinsman, freshman, (pictured left with teammate Robert Iglesias)

New beginnings at Orientation



Peer Mentor Andrea La-Mendola gives a tour, showing her freshmen the "ins and "outs" of the campus.



Eager to begin their college experience, these freshmen eagerly wait for Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien to begin the Presidential Address.



Peer Mentor Stephanier Garcia reflects on a job weel done after the freshmen have settled in.



Freshman were already making fast friends as Orientation came to an end.



Freshmen gather at Dominican College's Welcome Barbeque held during Move-in-Weekend.

Sr. Kathleen

Dominican dedicates the new Sullivan Library

On the surface, one might wonder what a woman living and working in current day Rockland County and a Spanish priest who was born in 1170 could possibly have in common. If you knew that the woman was Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P. and the man was St. Dominic, you could say that a devotion to profound learning, and a commitment to teach and challenge those around them are some of the ties that bind them together. On September 24, 2007, concrete tribute was paid to Dominican College's current Chancellor and past President Sr. Kathleen Sullivan.

Sister Kathleen and her family have been involved with Dominican College for many years. Through her passionate spirit, she has helped to build a lively, growing educational community of excellence and leadership. Her vision was a driving force behind the relocation and renovation of the library that now bears her family name. "The Sullivan Library is a fitting tribute to a woman and a family who could envision what this small liberal arts College might become," said Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., current Dominican College President.



Above: The new lobby was redone to include a much needed reception area.

Top: The main circulation section was also fully renovated with cozy touches lining the bookshelves.



The view from the outside the Sullivan Library highlights its beautiful and serene landscaping.





The creation of more study carrels and seating areas has made the Sullivan Library a popular spot for students to study.



Large windows line the walls of the main circulation area, creating an open and inviting work space.



The view from inside also offers students a picturesque scene to look at during those all important study breaks and daydreams.



Above: Lee Castellano does Dominican proud by serving his country as a medic. Below: Jessica Flores helped coordinate the service project with military.



Above: SGA member Jessica Justiniano was one of many students who lent a hand by putting together the military care packages.

Below: Students did their part to support the troops overseas by participating in the program.



Founders' Week honors a spirit of service

Founder's Week concluded with the annual announcement of the winners of the Spirit of the Founders award. Each year both a female and male are recognized. This year's winners were Katie Britney and Lee Castellano. While Katie Britney is an active student on the Dominican campus, Lee Castellano is an active soldier and medic in Iraq.

With our minds thinking of Lee and his fellow soldiers fighting for our country, Dominican College developed a service project to help and support them. For two weeks in September, members from all corners of the DC community collected supplies such as chapstick, sunscreen, instant coffee and even playing cards which would be included in military care packages. On the Friday of Founders Week, people gathered in a spirit of fellowship to box them up and sending them to our troops who are far from home.

Below: Kayla McDonald was one of the student athletes to help out and honor the Spirit of the Founders.



In her announcement speech, Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien honored both award winner Katie Britney (above with DC Chancellor Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, Student Activities Director Jessica Flores) for her service to the DC Community, and award winner Lee Castellano, for his service to the military. Lee could not be present for the ceremony because he is currently on active duty.



Honoring those serving our country overseas, representatives from the military carry flags during the opening ceremony.

LEE



President Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien announces Spirit of the Founders Award winners, Lee Castellano and Katie Britney.



Festival volunteers Rebecca Hernandez, Jennifer Fierro remember that service is a big part of the Dominican tradition.



Student Government President Steven LaBoy brought his family to the Founders' Day Fall Festival, which the Dominican Sisters host on campus each year.





The Spirit of the Founders' Award

"Before I came to Dominican College in 2004, I had every intension of just going to school to get my education, graduate, and then jumping out into the real world. I never expected to meet such amazing people and make friends that I know will be friends with for life. I can honestly say that the past four years have been the best four years of my life. My first semester of freshman year was when I began to get involved in student activities. The Peer Advisors were recruiting new members for the upcoming year. I wasn't quite sure if it was something I wanted to do or if it was something I would have time to do with all of my classes and my workload. I have learned so much about

myself by being a part of that group. It came to be a defining experience for me. It motivated me to make the most of my DC experience and I b reached out more in other clubs as well over the years: Aquin Players, PI Gamma Mu, Alpha Chi, Team Advantage, and StudentAmbassadors. Being so involved opened so many doors for me. it was a wonderful experience. The best moment of all came when I found out I was nominted for the Spirit of the Founder's Award. This is one of the biggest honors at Dominican College, and I was really surprised that people felt me worthy of it. Winning this award is something I'll always treasure". -Katie Britney



The Founders' Week Fall Festival brought together DC students, staff and community members in support of the Dominican Sisters.



Top : DC Lacrosse player Christopher Butts samples some delicious Lackmann cuisine.

Resident Assistants Chad Jones, Richard Saban, Lea Vallejo, Vilma Saban shared some Dominican spirit.

KATIE



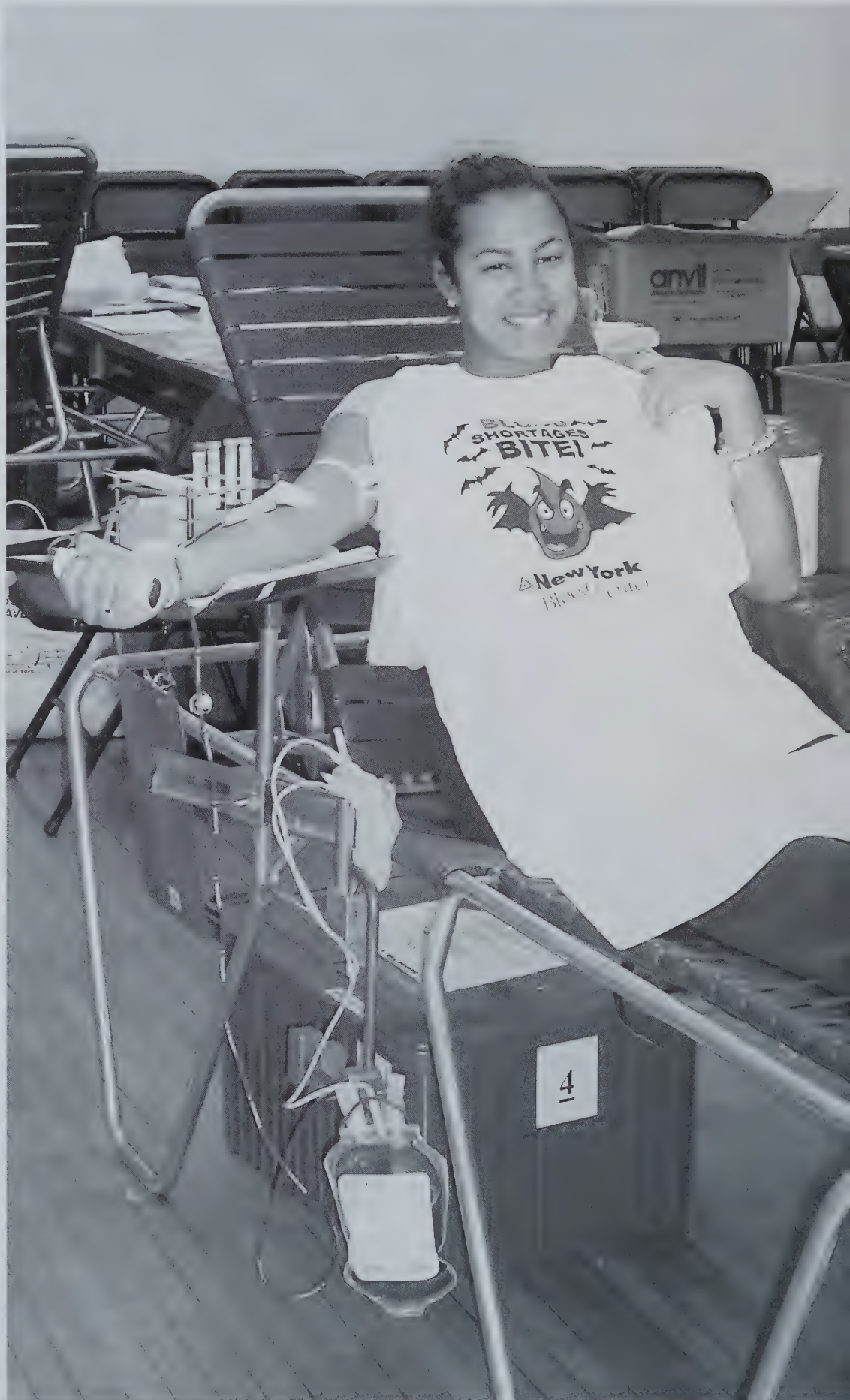
Donor Anthony Figueroa takes comfort at the snack table having cooies and apple juice.



Lacrosse player Owen Smith donates every year and was proud to show off his bandage,. He jokingly added: " But I only do it for the free cookies!"



Lacrosse Player Chris Jones fillis out the paper work and waits his turn to donate blood.



Every drop counts at the Blood Drive

"It's not every day that you get a chance to save a life, so when you get a chance you have to put your own fear aside and just do it.. That's what I did. On October I decided to finally donate blood. I had been looking forward to donating blood since last year, but I couldn't. I made up my mind that this was going to be the year! October 2007 was my first time. As I watched other people donate and fill up their bags with blood, I was so afraid and thought it was going to be painful. In the back of my mind, I remembered what Sr. Babs said: 'When you donate you save five lives.' There are

many people who need blood, so that was my motivation to donate. I tried to let go of my fear.

As the nurse got ready, she smiled and told me it would be okay, and I felt much better. When the nurse put the needle in, I got scared, but I just looked away. it was a piece of cake. When yI was done, I had crackers and drinks to make me feel better. I'm such a baby, but I'm really glad i need it. My feelings afterwards were great. I saved five lives and I plan to donate again next year and save more lives." - Mercedes V. Pedro



First time donor and yearbook staff member John Montadmits he was nervous, but quickly got over it because the cause was so important. "Plus", he said, "I knew it would make for a great picture!"



Top: With Sister Barbara and Bree from Campus Security welcoming students, even the most hesitant volunteers were immediately put at ease.

Bottom: Playing Jesus in last year's production of Godspell helped DC's Aquin Player Chris Guarnuccio prepare for role of giving blood to serve others.

MEET US

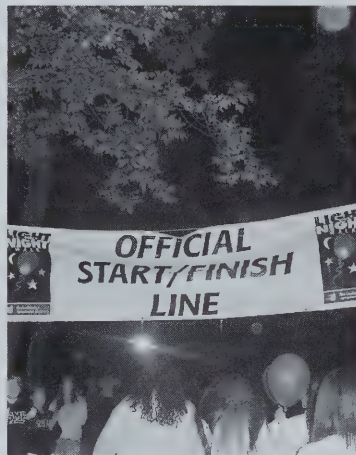
Hope lights the darkness at the Light The Night Walk



The members of Team Dominican get ready to go.



The evening was filled with surprises. After check in (above) walkers and volunteers had the chance to social with a cast of characters like the Star wars Storm troopers (right), listen to bands and sample delicious food donated by walk sponsors (far right and far right top) before lining up at the starting line (top right). Dominican was a part of both the Rockland County walk at Nyck State Park and the Orange County walk at Bear Mountain Lake.



In total, 87 members of the Dominican College community came out to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Light the Night.

Some leaders love the limelight and all the attention and praise it brings; others are more content to be the wind beneath the wings for a greater good. Christina Wesolowski, a senior majoring in Psychology, is exactly that type of humble leader. Few people realize that she has been instrumental in organizing Dominican students around this important cause for the past two years.

The work of the Leukemia and Lymphoma society has been close to her heart. Her neighbor, Daniel Mulvey (pictured with Christina, right), has been living with cancer for a little over six years. Despite his illness, Daniel is an inspirational child who is always smiling, and touching



the hearts of everyone he meets. Last year, Christina went door to door around the dorms to raise money for the walk and to raise support for Danny's cancer walk team. "I don't want this story to be about me," Christina said, "the real heroes are children like Danny and their family who struggle to live with this disease every day. If I can help make his life and the lives of his family even a little bit better by sharing their story, that's enough for me."



"I'm glad I was able to get more people involved at Dominican because it has meant so much to Danny and his family."- Christina Wesolowski



CHRISTINA

Christina shared the cause with roommate, peer mentor Andrea LaMendola which led to the support of the Freshmen Year Office. Danny's story and the Walk became a campus wide event.



Above: Peer mentor Andrea LaMendola and Freshman Year Director Denise DellaPorta led Team Dominican. at the Walk.

Sharing the light of Light the Night

The Light the Night Walk became a tradition for Dominican College this year, as Team Dominican began their second year participating. Although some were supporting loved ones who are living with cancer, or have died of it, other students chose Light the Night as a part of their freshman community service.

"I first signed up to walk because I needed community service for freshman seminar, but it was so much fun. Attending Light the Night was probably one of the most pleasurable experiences I

had this year. Seeing so many people working together to a work for a cure for cancer was amazing and that makes me feel like a better person. You could really feel you were a part of something special. You don't think about stuff like this every day, how many people are affected and how little effort it takes to do something positive. I realized that God has blessed me with so much--everyone I know is healthy. I can't take that for granted any more." --Byron Polanco, freshmen, (right, with some friends at the Walk)



Top: As the sun begins to set, the Light the Night Walk is about to begin for the members of Team Dominican.

Above: Captains of the DC Chargers Men's and Women's Basketball teams Willie Carty and Althea Chambers lent their support to this worthy cause.



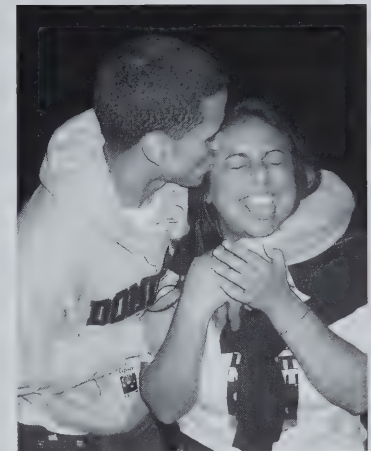
Participants walked with lighted balloons for those battling cancer. Red balloons were to support all victims and white balloons were given to participants who walked for a survivor they knew personally. Gold balloons were lit as a tribute to those who lost their battle with the disease.

Byron





Above: Freshmen Laurie Alcimas, Maria Garcia and Tina Cheng had fun!



Above: Freshman Stephen Pena thanked his Peer Mentor Andrea Lamendola for getting him involved.



Above: Lacrosse player Mike Flynn brought some of his freshman teammates.



Right: Step Team members Izzie LaGuerre shares a moment of accomplishment with a friend after the walk was over.



SGA member Deja Vann helps with arts & crafts at the student government table.



Being from Canada, DC Lacrosse player Alex Jones couldn't invite his family to attend. Assistant Freshman Year Director Christie Cruse explained that at Dc everyone feels like family!



DC Baseball Players Michael Mondesir, Brendan Bohan, Daniel Stinsman, and Tommy Mejia made time for fun before the big tournament.



Dominican College Family Day

Every fall semester Dominican College hosts their Family Day for all members of Dominican College to build community and invite their families to be part of the fun. Student clubs set up tables filled with all kinds of activities- portrait making, faces painting, friendship bracelets and games for people of all ages to enjoy. Complete with a volleyball home game, DC Charger baseball and softball tournaments and a performance by the DC Dance Team, it becomes a day for families to see how our student and staff

members are one big family.

"This was my second year attending the annual Dominican College Family Day. Having a day to just have fun and spend time with everyone is priceless. With all the activities, games and arts&crafts and the D.J, you can relax and be with your love ones. I love watching other students' little siblings dancing to the latest dances; they look adorable. You are really able to experience the Dominican College motto: "More than an education...a relationship." - John Montoya (pictured left)



Scott Rybka and friend were like little kids again once the balloon art began.



Top: The DC Dance Team before their gets ready to strut their stuff.

Bottom: DULCE member Barzi Tejada day coordinated picture frame decorating at her club's table.

JOHN

15 minutes of Fame at the Talent Show

Right: SGA President Steven Laboykicked off the Fashion show.

Below: The DC Step Team, moving fast and furiously and dynamically in sync.



Below: The Mambo Dancers strike a backstage pose.



Below: Darleny Gonzalez poured her heart into song.



Gina Casanova and Christian Brenes share a moment during their dance.



Britney Balketran of the DC Step Team seems pleased with her performance.



Behind the scenes, the DC Dance Team waits their turn to take the stage.

XAVIER

JUDGE NOT, FOR YOU SHALL BE JUDGED FIRST

THIS IS INCOMPATIBLE,
NO, MATHEMATICAL, LATERAL,
BUT THIS IS DEEP AND MOST POWERFUL.

SO PERCEIVE WHAT YOU SEE BUT WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW,
FOR WHAT IS YOU IS NOT ME.

SO JUDGE, AS LONG AS I KNOW MYSELF,
MY PURPOSE, MY DREAMS,
I FEAR NO JUDGEMENT.

FOR I KNOW I'M NOT BLACK, I'M NOT WHITE, BUT HUMAN.

BUT WHEN WE ARE JUDGED

WE ARE PUT IN A CERTAIN CRITERIA,
STEREOTYPE, LABELED AS INFERIOR,
WITH RACIAL PROFILING HAPPENING EVERYDAY,
I PRAY TO GOD THAT EACH DAY IS A NEW DAY,
WITHIN A COUNTRY WITH MANY COLORS,
WE ARE ONE NATION THAT STANDS SUPERIOR.

JUDGE ME NOT AND YOU SHALL BE JUDGED FIRST,
FOR EACH DAY MIGHT FEEL
LIKE A STRUGGLE, A HEX, A CURSE,
SO I KEEP FAMILY CLOSE, MY STRENGTH,
ABOVE ALL THEY COME FIRST.

DO YOU SEE ME NOW??
STANDING STRONG AND PROUD,
STILL LIVING, STILL BREATHING,
AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-TWO
LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF MY PAST,
SEEING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL,
HOPING MY FUTURE ARRIVES FAST.

JUDGE ME NOT AND YOU SHALL BE JUDGED FIRST,
FOR I'M RARE,
CAUSE I'M NOT YOU, NOT HIM, NOT HER, WITH A
HANDFUL OF FRIENDS
WHO DO I NEED BUT ME?

FOR THIS IS WHO I AM, WHAT YOU SEE, WHAT
YOU HEAR,
WHERE I STAND,
IS MY HOLY GROUND FOR BECOMING A MAN.

SO LORD I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME FOR
YOU KNOW I'M NOT PERFECT,
WITH MY IMPERFECTIONS, AND MANY TEMP-
TATIONS,
MIND, HEART, ELEVATION, I'M YOUR FOL-
LOWER,
I'M YOUR CREATION.

JUDGE NOT FOR I'M ALREADY JUDGED,
IN THE WORLD WE HAVE MANY
POLITICS, CRITICS,
BUT BY THE END OF THE DAY I LAUGH,
CAUSE I LOVE FAMILY, BROTHERS, FATHER,
MOTHER,
FRIENDS, ROOM NUMBER 131 4EVA.
BUT MOST OF ALL, I HAVE TO LOVE
MYSELF,
BETTER AND GREATER TO THE UNSEEN
EYE.
IF THIS IS NOT MY KINGDOM,
I TELL YOU, MY PEN AND PAPER IS MY
FREEDOM.

Spoken Word By: XAVIER COSME

The Annual Talent Show is a night for students, staff and alumni to showcase their talents--singing, dance, performance and spoken word. Each person shares the best they have to offer, claiming the spotlight for a brief moment, and, in essence, screaming: "Here I am!"; showing the world who they really are.

A new mascot charges onto the scene at Dominican's first Homecoming!

CHARLIE THE CHARGER

Thanks to months of hard work by the members of the Resident Students Association and Assistant Residence Director Susana Briscoe, Dominican held its first Homecoming Celebration. The whole campus community got involved in counting down to the big event with a "Name the Mascot" contest, as well as the nominations and the election of Dominican's first Homecoming King and Queen.

Although competition was fierce, mascot Charlie the Charger, King Willie

Carty and Queen Stephanier Garcia emerged victorious, going down in DC history as the first of their kind.

When asked if he could imagine a greater honor than being Dominican's mascot, Charlie replied, "Nay." When pressed for a further comment, the student behind the mask later added: "This costume is a lot hotter than you'd realize. I'm glad I got to wear it before it got all sweated up. Oh, and Go Chargers!" Just who was the first Charlie? We'll never tell!



Top (left to right): Kwami, Saul, and Phil lend their support to friend DC Men's Basketball player Shelton Gibbs (far right), one of 3 nominees for Homecoming King.



DC's first Homecoming King and Queen- Men's Basketball Captain Willie Carty and Peer Mentor Stephanier Garcia- gave a "royal audience to their adoring fans.

Bottom: These ladies dressed to impress at DC's first Homecoming Dance.



Above: Everyone wanted to capture the historic occasion by taking a photo with Charlie!



Above: DC Dance Team members Tenée Cochrane and Rebecca Hernandez showed some school spirit at the Homecoming Arch.



Above: Sophomore Alex Jones brought his freshmen Lacrosse teammates Dave Marrese (left) and Jesse Peterson (right) to the pep rally in Granito.



JILLIAN



Alpha Chi and the Honors Convocation award recognition for academic excellence

"As a freshman, I went through Dominican's course catalog looking at different criteria that would satisfy my Psychology Degree. There was one page that caught my eye and became a motivational tool for my future success: Alpha Chi. There were several prerequisites to become a qualified candidate for Alpha Chi. Alpha Chi symbolized who I was, who I was becoming and who I wanted to be. It was my evolving dream.

"As a junior, I received the 'Alpha Chi' invitation and subsequently, I was granted membership. I was ecstatic! But at the same time, I wanted more. I didn't want to just join Alpha Chi; I wanted to bring life back to it's principles. And that is exactly what we did. We started a mentorship program to provide academic help to our community called



Eyes on the prize: the much sought after Alpha Chi certificate.



Above: Honor student and Resident Assistant Brandon Hasbrouk addresses the audience.



Upper left and left: The lighting of the candles is an important part of the Alpha Chi ceremony.

Far left, bottom: Honor student and Resident Assistant Abel Cureo takes part in the candle-lighting ritual during the Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony.

'Finals Crash'. I like to think we created a new kind of thinking here at Dominican. Ralph Waldo Emerson once argued, 'Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.' That is what I believe we did. By reaching out, we left a legacy to Dominican College."
-- Jillian Gonzalez, Alpha Chi member and Resident Assistant



Above: Alpha Chi emblem bears the mark of distinction.



Above: Resident Assistant Julissa Diaz (in gender-bending costume as a thug male) with her residents, freshmen Sam Morgan and Ashley Cummings (left and center).



Above: Jessica Ivascu brings a classic Greek statue to life in the Hertel lobby with her Greek Goddess Halloween costume.



Above: Assistant Resident Director Suzanna Briscoe and Lackmann's Chuck Lederer brought some holiday cheer at the staff Christmas party.



Getting Into the Holiday Spirit on Campus

The fun part about celebrating holidays on campus is that it gives everyone a chance to be a kid again and to explore a different side of themselves. Whether playing Santa, dressing up as a famous hero, or getting in touch with their inner animal, everyone seemed to catch the holiday spirit this year. Some people put a lot of thought into their choices...Here are some deep thoughts from the complex mind of one DC student:

On Halloween: "After I saw the movie, 'Troy', I had to be Achilles for Halloween. He was like a god. Everybody fears and envys the gods, but it is really they who envy us. We are mortal and any day could be out last. When you really think about it, people might not remember all the battles, but you always remember the heroes. Their names last forever. And that's me."

If you could be any animal: "If I could be an animal, I'd definitely be a lion. The lion is the king of the jungle. You always see them up on the savanna looking down on everything else. I love that. Plus, I would get to kill hyenas. But no one can ever take down the lion. It would probably take like sixteen hyenas to take down one lion. Even then, they'd have to work for it. So how can you not want to be the lion? He's the king of the jungle and rules everything in it."

On life: "I feel like my whole life, I've been surrounded by darkness, and over time, my eyes adjusted and I was able to see. Recently, someone turned on the light for me and it seems so bright that it's leaving me blind..."--Lacrosse player Alex Jones (pictured left with teammate Mike Flynn)



Above: Resident Assistant David Jones (left, pictured with Mike Morro), was quite a babe this Halloween!



Top: The Residence Life Staff gathered around the tree to and bring a little Christmas to students in the dorms during finals week.

Bottom: "Our cat costumes suit us purrrfectly," these students shared as they left for the Halloween party on campus.

ALEX & MIKE

Looking Back on Bridges to the DR

Below: Karen reflected on her experience paving roads: "You discover how important roads are--they connect you to the rest of the world."



Below: Jesica DeSousa applies a positive attitude as she paints the school in La Cuchilla.



"Looking back on this trip, I only remember good times with my family from the Dominican Republic. From the first step I took into the house, I felt as if I was already part of the family. They were so happy to have me there. It made me feel so comfortable. The people of La Cuchilla were a family of their own. Everyone in the town treated each other with respect, something we don't see everyday in the states. The main lesson I learned in is that money doesn't buy you love or happiness. Sometimes we get caught up with our \$5 coffee and designer jeans, but, in the end we don't realize the really important part of life. As my host mom and I would say every night, 'I don't have any money or anything to give, the only thing I have to give is love' and La Cuchilla is filled with this love. The people, the families and the community are what made my trip a memorable one. Fr. Ron has a program that not only allows one to give, but also to receive. I will always remember my trip to La Cuchilla; I am planning on returning for a second time in May. I await the next time I can give my family in the Dominican Republic a hug."

-Victor Woolworth



Group picture of Dominican College students Victor Woolworth and Carlos Garcia bonding with the kid from La Cuchilla and fellow volunteers from Ramapo College.



The volunteers become really close with their host families. Here, Arturo Moreira and his host mother share a hug (above).

Victor



There was plenty of work to be done, but there was also time for fun. Volunteer Carlos Garcia dances with his host family.



Arturo Moreira and Julissa Diaz helping out fixing the broken roads in La Cuchilla, Dominican Republic.

The student volunteers help braid Student Activities Director Jessica's Flores' hair during some down time.





Below, one of the many families in the town of La Cuchilla who took part in the service project.



Volunteers hike up the mountain to give out donations. Pictured above are Carlos Garcia, DC volunteer and SOCS member, and Ramapo College volunteer Bonnie.

DC volunteer and SGA member Patricia Pauyo sits with a student during lunch time.



It Takes a Minute...A reflection on the DR

"Se toma un minuto para aprender a querer a una persona y una eternidad para poder olvidarla." (It takes a minute to learn how to love a person but an eternity to forget them.)

This I what told 'my mother' Isabel as I was saying my goodbyes. I never thought I would find love in so many ways on this trip. I found the love of a mother, a sister, a father, a brother and dear friends. I am leaving La Cuchilla heartbroken, but at the same time happy and blessed to have learned so much on this trip. I woke up very early this morning because I could not sleep. I knew that my time here was coming to an end. When I saw 'my mother' I could hardly look at her. I didn't even want to think about Saturday morning when I wake up and she is not there. She asked me if I was okay, and as soon as she looked at me, our eyes met, and my tough front fell to the ground. I started crying as she embraced me and started crying as well.

I cried for many reasons. I cried because I had learned to love and appreciate this woman as a mother. I cried because I could not bring her back to NY with me and share all the things in my life with her and the rest of the family. I cried because I could not bear the conditions in which she lives, and, most of all, I cried because I felt helpless. I cried because I did not know what else to do.

I am leaving my new family behind. Little Michael, with all the courage of a 4 yr old, stood by and watched. He then came over hugged me and smiled from ear to ear saying, 'Julissa no llore! Que tu vuelves proto.' (Julissa, don't cry! You are coming back.) Michael's faith and hope gave me strength beyond words. I know that I have some very special people in my life after this trip." -from the journal of Julissa Diaz



Part of the volunteers' responsibilities included giving out items collected for the trip to the community members.



DC's Chaplain, Fr. Ron Stanley rides a donkey to the school in La Cuchilla.

Volunteer and DC Resident Assistant Julissa found time to relax with other volunteers on the beautiful beaches of the Dominican Republic.

Julissa



Julissa and her "father" share a dance.

Taking the Lead: A New Star Steps Forward

"I was delighted to take part in and reflect on my experiences as an Aquin Player in this year's musical: 'the Wiz'. I was so honored to be offered the lead role of Dorothy. It was one of the most flattering, yet humbling experiences I have ever had. Getting this role meant the world to me, and I didn't take the opportunity for granted for one second. Having the lead role made me feel more accountable and responsible because I knew I had to give 100% at every rehearsal and Aquin players event. I wanted to be an ex-

ample to the rest of the cast. My fellow castmates were dedicated, passionate and worked so well together and I was so happy to know that we really raised the bar for future performances. So many people stopped to tell me that the Wiz was one of the best shows ever to be featured at Dominican College. To hear that from family members, faculty, staff, friends, classmates and even visitors was so rewarding! I'm proud I was a part of it. It was a highlight in my life that I will never forget."
--Kinikia Collier, SGA member

KINIKIA



Tin Man Ryan Mulligan, and Chris Guarnuccio's Scarecrow supported Kinikia Collier as Dorothy during a showstopping number.



Cowardly Lion Will Walker put on a brave face for opening night for fellow castmate and first time Aquin Player Patricia Pauyo.



David Imm was perfectly cast as the eccentric Wizard of Oz. He admitted: "I based the voice of the Wizard on Mr. Moviephone."



Veteran Aquin Player and bio major Chris Guarnuccio, who played Jesus in last year's *Godspell*, spent much of this year's production looking for a brain. Now that's acting!



Talent Show Freshman all-star Ryan Mulligan was up for anything as the Tin Man in search of a heart.



Senior Jade Watkins savors every moment of her last Aquin experience, even helping fellow castmates with their make-up before the show.

A shining debut in "The Wiz"

What do you do with a first year student who's known for his outrageous enthusiasm, crowd pleasing antics, and big heart and one of the most recognizable faces on campus, ? If you are casting the DC Spring Musical, The Wiz, you give him the role of a lifetime as the body-armored and thoroughly costumed Tin Man in search of a heart. Aquin Players Director Jim Filipelli truly outdid himself this year with a wealth of talented performers, all of whom he perfectly cast--right down to Katie Mirro as the Yellow Brick Road. Ryan Mulligan really shined (literally and figuratively), totally transforming himself in the role.

"My personal experience in The Wiz is something I will never forget. The show was the best and most organized production I have been part of by far. I seriously did not know my time in the Aquin Players would be so much fun. The director, James Filipelli, knew exactly what he wanted from each person and used whatever resources he had to make the show great and bring the best performance out of everyone. I am proud I got to be a part of it."--Ryan. Mulligan (right)



Top: Chris Guanuccio, Jade Watkins and Kinikia Collier are all smiles after receiving some much deserved applause on opening night of the Wiz.

Above: Steven Laboy and Alicia Benton played a variety of roles in the ensemble cast for this production.

Below: David Imm gestures wildly during one of his many delightful over-the-top rants as the Wizard of Oz.



Right: Tin Man with a heart of gold Ryan Mulligan moments before his debut in the Wiz (above).



Right: Senior Will Walker, who gave a powerful performance as the Cowardly Lion, shares a laugh with lead Kinikia Collier.



Wizard David Imm pours a strange wizardly concoction.



Senior Steven Laboy helps a fellow castmate prepare before curtain call.



Former Aquin member Katie Britney supported the current cast by selling tickets.



A Survivor's Story...Relay For Life 2008

"I was diagnosed with Lymphoma on May 14, 1994 at the age of seven. My lung had collapsed and my heart was pushed over. I spent ten days in ICU and was treated with chemotherapy for 2 years. All my hair fell out and I missed a ton of school. Worst of all, was the pain I endured was unbearable. Thankfully, I was able to overcome it, and 14 years later, here I am doing better than I could have ever imagined.

Walking in the Relay for Life was an incredible experience. I've always wanted to take part in the different walks, but was never able to. It gave me a great

sense of pride. It felt wonderful walking with the other women as an image of hope for all of those families who are now struggling with cancer. Usually, when we hear about someone suffering from cancer, we tend to think of older people. It was important for me to walk and show that cancer is a disease that does not discriminate. During my many visits in the hospital, I befriended other children of all different ages, races, etc. Unfortunately, the majority of them would lose their battles with cancer. I walked for them, and I will continue to walk until a cure is found."

- Senior Tiffany Morris

TIFFANY



Upper photo and above: People from all walks of life and three local colleges came together to celebrate survivors and lost loved ones.



Above: The Dominican College Baseball Team lent some of their winning attitude to a very worthy cause.



Above: In solidarity and support for survivor and cancer victims, many groups wore "team" attire.



Above: The event deepened relationships among friends, teammates and coworkers, who worked together throughout the Relay.



The American Cancer society presented awards of appreciation to acknowledge everyone's hard work and dedication. (pictured above, DC Assistant Resident Director Ryan O'Gorman and a team captain. Below Rotoract members are pleased with a job well done.



DR. SCHROEDER



On Friday, February 29, 2008, College relay teams put cancer on the run at the 4th Annual Relay for Life. Walkers from Dominican College dedicated their involvement to beloved and well-respected faculty member, Dr. Brian Schroeder, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Professor Schroeder joined the College twenty-seven years ago as a Professor of Mathematics, and worked with enthusiasm and diligence, introducing and revising many of the courses in the Mathematics curriculum. He was also the first Director of the Honors Program, which he led for twenty-one years. The opening ceremony of Relay for Life featured a moving Luminary Ceremony, to honor Dr. Schroeder and others who lost their lives to cancer.



"Dominican College is blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Brian Schroeder. He was a remarkable person who will forever have a special legacy to our college. He always had a smile on his face and was an amazing math teacher, mentor, role model, and colleague. His passion for teaching math has made such an impact on all math students at Dominican. He shared a special bond with us and we all wanted to be in his classes and be a part of his life. He will forever be a profoundly memorable person and teacher in my life. He has

taught me how to be the best math teacher I can possibly be. I know as I begin my math teaching career, I will utilize everything Dr. Schroeder taught me. He was the type of person who was there for everyone; always willing to talk, help, and give advice. Dominican College will never forget the memories shared with Dr. Schroeder and the impression and contributions he made to the entire Dominican community. "
-DaynaMarie DiSiena, Senior Class President and former student of Dr. Schroeder



Remembering Dr. Brian Schroeder



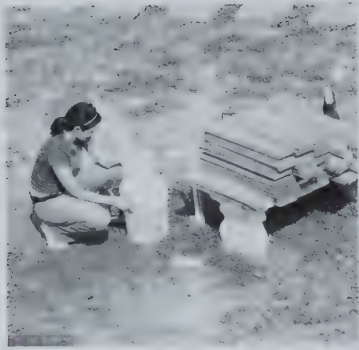
Above: Dominican staff gathered together and gave their time and effort to support this special event.



Above: Dr. Schroeder's family formed a team in his memory and proudly wore tee-shirts in his honor.



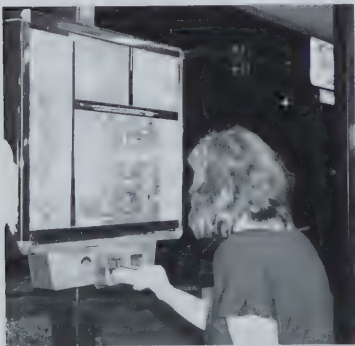
Participants at the Relay for Life walked around the track of St. Thomas Aquinas College, this year's hosting college.



A volunteer prepares plaster for the walls of the house she's working on.



The group also found time to visit the ocean. Here Student Activities Director Jessica Flores has some fun in the sun with a volunteer.



Ordering food at Sonic was a favorite field trip for the volunteers!



Coming Full Circle at Alternative Spring Break

"Last year, this trip was about 15 strangers coming together to make something out of nothing. This year: 15 grew to 21; some were old faces and some were new. In 2007, we demolished and rebuilt a trailer that had not been touched since Hurricane Katrina. In 2008, our purpose was to finish what we started. It seems that we've come full circle, and it is fitting that this is my senior year.

This time around, our group was able to put the finishing touches on houses. We got to cut and place doors, caulk windows, paint and accentuate all the smaller details of a home. We changed these cold,

sterile, lifeless houses into an environment where parents can raise their children.

The experience I have taken with me from these alternative spring break programs is one of wisdom, accomplishment and humility. It has been instrumental in my personal growth. As I get ready to depart from Dominican College, one would think I might feel some type of closure, but I don't. I no longer believe that helping people in distress is something that should be done; it is our duty. Our group gave up our spring breaks to help people in need. I'm so glad that I could be a part of that." - Tom Hassel



Above: Everyone put a lot of hard work into the reconstruction project.



(Above top) DC Campus Minister Sister Barbara blesses the students and prays for safe travels to the Gulf Coast.

(Above) The scene of devastation was overwhelming that it made student stop and reflect on their own lives.

Tom

A Reflection on Service



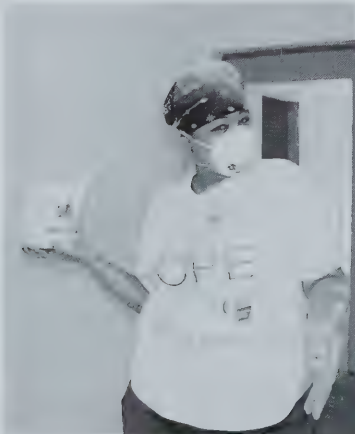
The Dominican College Alternative Spring Breakers of 2008 were a very committed group who rallied to help others cope after a national tragedy.



Here is the house that the group worked to rebuild. The group this year did mostly interior renovations.



Above: The ASB project included painting, sheet rocking and framing rooms. Students worked as a team on the heavy equipment.



Assistant Resident Director Susana Brisco shows that painting never looked so glamorous!



Some volunteers had no trouble making all the hard work look easy.

"Charity is not how much one gives or how much time one donates. Charity is giving all you possibly can. I realized this as I sat on the steps of the house I just laid flooring in during this year's Alternative Spring Break. A woman I have never met wanted a picture of the group; not because we helped build a house for her, but because of what we stood for – those willing to give everything they could to give someone a shred of hope after a tragedy struck."

What I did was nothing extraordinary, I thought. I picked up a hammer, and I laid some flooring. People acted surprised and amazed in hearing what we had done. Why? I didn't understand because I didn't do anything special. It was considered unexpected and unique because our group was one of but a few who chose to give the one thing you could give when the need is so overwhelming... a most precious gift: time." - Senior and Psi Chi member Joe Scarano

"Our 'heroic act' was not in laying flooring, but being willing to stop our lives to help someone in need. Looking back on the experience, I think it is more amazing to realize how many more people can't find the time to visit a soup kitchen, or help a neighbor each and every day in some small way. What we did was so simple. It showed us that it takes so little to change someone's life forever. It made me think: What if we each started to think even smaller? Maybe try to smile and hold the door for a stranger or do something nice to make someone's day. This experience changed me forever. I try to think smaller everyday now."

- Senior William Mennetti



The only way to get things done is to attack the project with all you've got!



JOE & WILL



DC Assistant Director of Admissions and one of the Project coordinators, Rob Tyrell stands amid the chaos.



Assistant Resident Director Ryan O'Gorman dazzled the crowd by showing off his snazzy side.



Everyone shined in a glamorous array of fashion.



Director of Campus Security stretched beyond his "sportswear comfort zone" and impressed everyone with his sense of style.



Struttin' My Stuff at the Fashion Show

"The First Annual Dominican College Fashion Show was incredible. This event gave students and faculty the opportunity to show off some of the latest clothing and styles from new and highly established designers. Personally, as a member of the Resident Student Association, the experience of organizing, preparing, and modelling for the Fashion Show was phenomenal. The feeling of walking down a runway when multiple snap shots are being taken and people are cheering

you on gives you a rush of importance and confidence.

Being a member of the men's basketball team here at DC, I thought that I was used to people watching you do your thing, but that was nothing compared to this experience. It was really cool to show people a totally different side of myself and see their surprise and support. It makes you realize that everyone can shine and live up to their potential."

--Abdul Sulaiman, Junior Resident Student Association, (pictured left)



Striking a few poses on the catwalk (above, top, and right), these students strut their stuff and really worked it!

Abdul



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Right: Faculty and staff (like Criminal Justice professor Tara Parrello, right with Director of Campus Security John Lennon), were enthusiastic supporters of the event.



Representing It With Style and Grace at DC's Fashion Show

"The Fashion Show took a lot of time and preparation. It was very stressful, but the outcome was amazing. To wear La Vi clothing was a privilege because of the high respect that the line carries. Chris Brown wore a La Vi cardigan in one of his videos, so to know that I was in the new and hot line that he wore made me determined to represent it well. I made sure not to get make up on it! I wasn't sure I would be able to walk because so many people were already involved in the show, but Rico made everything possible. Behind the curtain, it was a rush people. Some were yelling and nervous; others were excited to strut their stuff. After it was all over though, I just wanted to go out there and do it all over again. The fact that we worked together to make it happen made it such a successful event. The best part was that we were involved with every aspect- people helped other people to get ready or decorate or sort clothing. The experience was great and the people were awesome. For the first annual Dominican College Fashion Show, I consider it a great success. I can't wait till next year!" -Barzi Tejada



Above: Even in between looks, the models were always ready for the sudden sight of a camera.



Above: Future supermodels never forgets to flash a winning smile for the camera.



Middle left: The ladies gracefully present their gowns to the eager and attentive crowd, contrasting the casual look of the men.



Left and far left: Another important quality for DC's budding supermodels... bringing plenty of attitude!



Below: Love was in bloom at Springfest for volleyball co-captain, Katie Earl and her boyfriend, senior Lacrosse player Tom Walters.



Above: DC Clubs, ask members to actively participate in the festivities. Debate Society members Katie Mirro and AJ Smircich take a break to enjoy the day.

The day is open to the entire campus community. Below, Director of Career Placement Patrick Delices and Ryan O'Gorman stop to chat with DULCE member, John Montoya.



Enjoying the fun and games at Springfest

"Springfest is a time for both faculty and students to come together. We enjoy each other's company and get to interact with one another, which is something we rarely have time to do outside the classroom. Being a member of Student Government Association for the past three years, I always feel like there is something to plan and do for others. People call me 'the Quiet Storm' because I just gotta get it done; I have to make it happen. I have always liked Springfest because everyone gets involved in the games and activities. It's not just something SGA plans for the campus; we all come together to make the fun happen and make the day great. It's one of the few days where we sit back and relax and watch our college community have fun. Receiving prizes from games and activities gives everyone the feeling of being a kid once again." - Deja Vann, SGA member and Step Team member



Above and Below: Students enjoyed the beautiful weather, community spirit and fun activities at Springfest.



Above: The Dominican College Softball team has a little fun before their home game later in the afternoon.

Left: Ashley Jones and Jessica Lahoz showed off their ticket awards at the carnival. Everyone felt like a winner!

DEJA

"That's Wassup" at SpringFest 2008

"Dominican College has been a great experience for me. At first, I was anxious to come here, but after my first year it became my home away from home. I enjoy big school events like this because you are able to hang out, listen to music, play games, eat food and meet cool people."

"I always liked Springfest because it's a great time to chill

with the rest of the staff and student body at Dominican, outside of the classroom. You get to see a whole different side of people than usual. You realize how many people you know and know you at Dominican. At the end of the day, I feel like I made a great decision by coming to Dominican College. That's Wassup!"

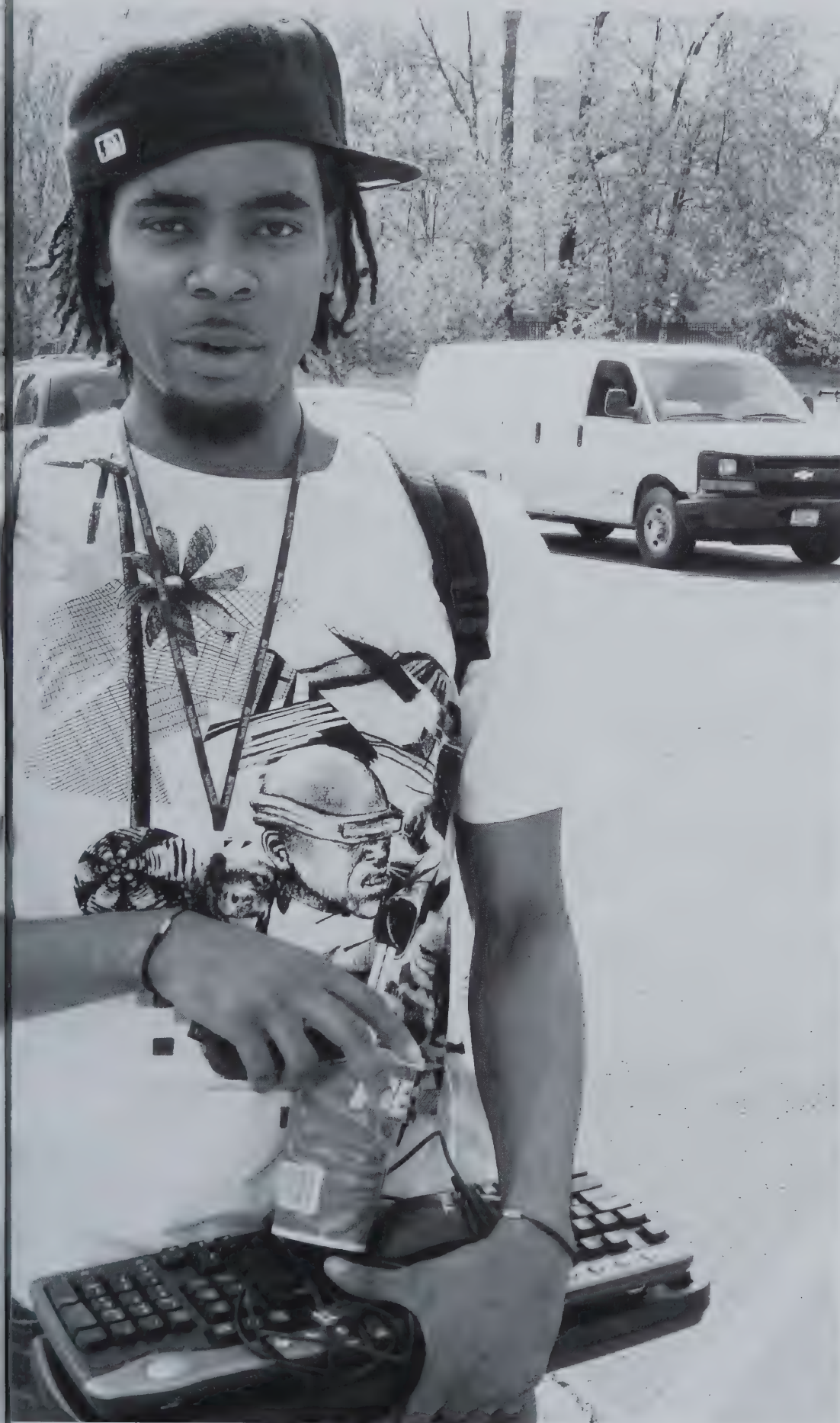
- Senior, Jason Joseph



Springfest gives friends a time to catch up and creative ways to have fun. Top: Juniors Shani Marte, Jason Perez, Carlos Tovar, Ashley Jones, and Darleny Gonzalez are all smiles as they figure out what to do first. Below: Roommates and best friends Caitlin McCue, and Katie Earl always have school spirit.

DCDanceTeam members Kara Pietrogallo and Yaneris relax before their big performance.

JASON



Debate Team members David Imm and Jimmy Kocak try to recruit soccer player Clifton Huxtable as a new member.



Seniors Alexandria Kavanagh, and Phil Bouchet share a special bond as they reminisce about their years at DC.



Graduating seniors and Aquin Players, Jade Watkins, (left) and Katie Britney (center), shared some Dominican Springfest memories with senior Peer Mentor Andrea LaMendola (second from the left), and Student Government Senior Class President, DaynaMarie DiSiena.

Psi Chi and the Annual Psychology Conference

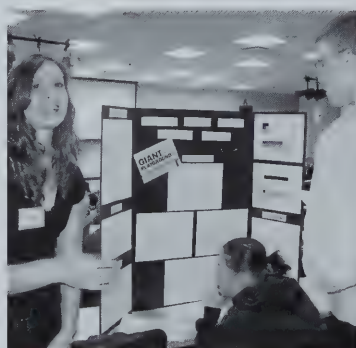
"Dominican has offered me the ability to excel in the academic arena, leading right up to becoming the VP of Psi Chi. My major provided a basic knowledge of behavior, statistics, psychological testing, and experimental research, all of which greatly prepared me for the senior seminar. Being selected as a presenter in the Annual Hudson Valley Psychology Conference was a wonderful opportunity for me to present my own research based on someone's original theory, but with my own personal twist.

My success at Dominican College was the

result of hard work, discipline, and the will to succeed and provide a better life for my family. I was helped every step of the way by outstanding professors, like Dr. Kelly Johnson, Dr. Cynthia Rickert and Dr. Fabiana DesRosiers, who stayed countless hours to assist me and many other students in our learning journeys. I leave DC and head to graduate school for a Masters of Science in Mental Health and School Counseling. My heartfelt thanks to the entire DC Psychology Department."

-- Stephen E. Russell, pictured right

SENIORS



Top: The proud members of Psi Chi 2008 at the Psychology Conference.



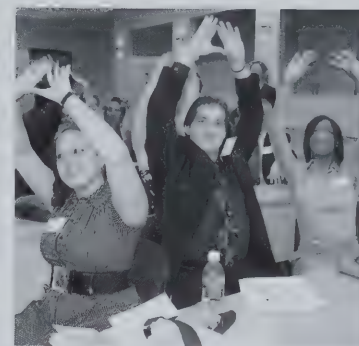
Above: While seniors presented their senior psychology projects to the audience, other students participated in the table and poster displays.

Psi Chi member Christina Wesolowski greeted presenters and guests at the conference welcome table.





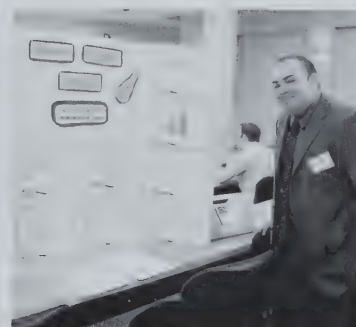
Right: Conference presenter Jade Watkins reviews her notes before being called to the podium.



Above: Senior Joe Scarano teaches his fellow conference presenters some relaxing yoga stretches.



Above: Resident Assistant and Psi Chi member Abel Curiel takes pride in his accomplishments.

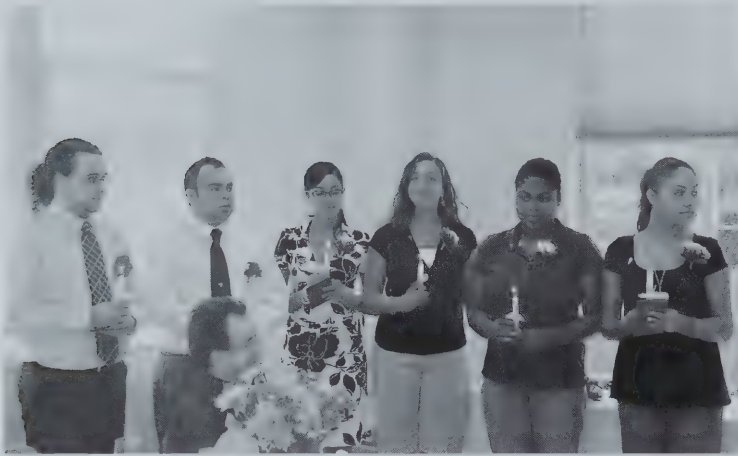


Above: Victor Woolworth displays his research on Increasing Self Esteem in Diabetics.



SGA MEMBERS BLAZE A TRAIL

(Below) The candle lighting induction ceremony conveyed a responsibility to serve the student body with wisdom and an open mind and heart to the members of Student Government.



(Below) SGA members bring many high profile guest speakers to campus, like Syrus from MTV's Real World.



(Above Right) Mrs. DiSiena beams with pride at her daughter, Senior Class President DaynaMarie DiSiena after the SGA Induction.



(Right) Junior Class Vice President Kinikia Collier, looks pleased after winning some cash at the Money Tree Game Show.

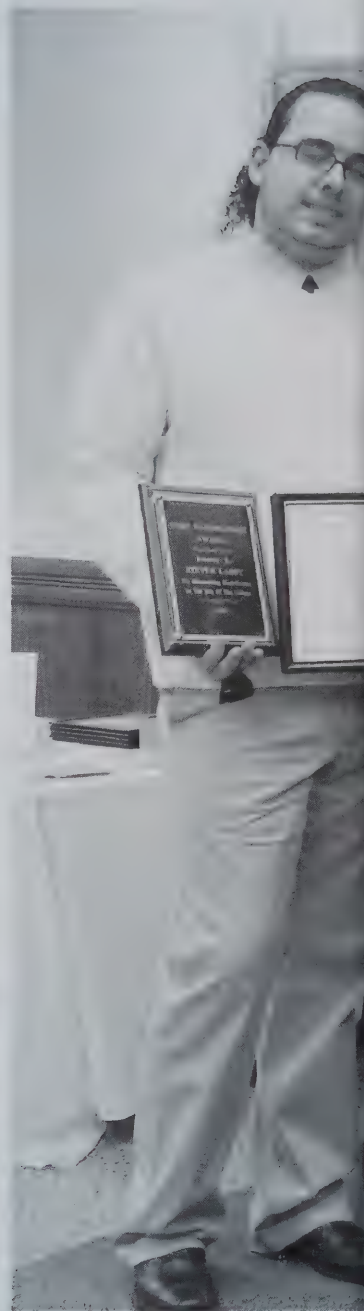
"I've always tried to be involved on campus. It forces you to be part of a solution in bringing new ideas to light. Being a part of SGA gives you incredible perspective. You have to balance the wants and needs of the students with the realities and obstacles that go hand in hand with event management- things like budget and facilities and diversity. It's allowed me to help and be part with many different types of events and experiences on campus. Having fun and interacting on different levels and building a spirit of community is what the college experience is all about. I love to see the school unite and be one. Getting involved in campus life is one of the best experiences. I am very fortunate to be on the SGA at Dominican, helping to improve the social life of the campus!" --Amanda Reyes, SGA member and Salsa dancer



(Above) SGA members Amanda Reyes and Jessica Justiniano seemed at with the turnout at this activity. Another successful SGA event!



(Above) SGA members Deja Vann, Amanda Reyes, Steven Laboy and Kinikia Collier steal some time away from work to have a little fun.





AMANDA



The members of SGa unveiled the newly elected Freshman class President and Vice-President at the Student Alumni Talent Show



WILLIE & JADE



"Peer Mentors can lean on each other. We have each others backs", veteran peer mentor Aly Buitrago (3rd from the back) lines the girls up and leads by example, (front to back) Alicia Benton, Kinikia Collier, Tenee Cochrane, Aly Buitrago, Althea Chambers and Stephanier Garcia.

An award-winning peer mentor team

A freshman reflects on her peer mentor, Willie Carty:

"When I first came to college, it was really scary. I knew I had to fight just to be here...and it was something i wanted more than anything. When I got here it was so overwhelming. I didn't know what to do, where to go or who to be. Then I met this guy, I knew the type I thought. But I was so wrong. This guy seemed to be so tough on the outside yet, he was one of the most caring and kind people I smile and you just knew everything was going to be okay. He always led with his heart by his actions and he inspired me to want to help people just like he did for me." -- Sam Morgan

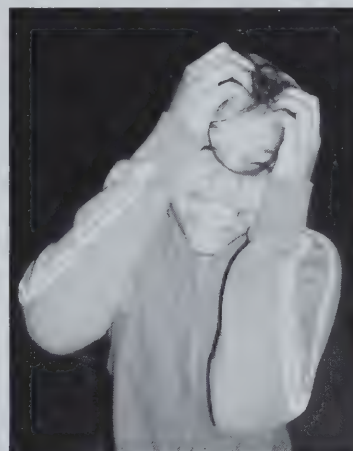
"Peer mentors are very concerned with taking care of others. But like many care takers, sometimes they give too much away and leave little for themselves. It can be



draining and demanding to take care of all those freshmen. We get so caught up in the job that we forget. Thank God we had Jade. Jade took care of her colleagues. Jade was the helium in our balloons, the rainbow at the end of many a rainy day, she was the bubbles in our...soda. Whenever the group was down, Jade brought us up with her perceptive and effervescence that you can't help but feel surrounded by happiness. -- excerpt from the Outstanding Peer Mentor Award speech, recognizing the contributions of senior peer mentor Jade Watkins



Above: The Dominican College Peer Mentors 2007 - 2008



Peer mentor and lacrosse player Mike Flynn and Megan Wiegard show their pink team spirit for peer mentor color wars.



Salsa Dancer and peer mentor Stephanier Garcia tries to explain to the new group what it's like to work with 300 freshmen: "It will drive you crazy at times, but it's so much fun!"

Jason Joseph and Carlos Tovar brought mad skills to their karaoke performance on the peer mentor retreat weekend.

Above left, the peer mentors could finally exhale after the last event of orientation weekend wrapped up. would only be a short break--it's almost time to gear up for the first day of school for the freshmen!



Peer Mentor and baseball player Marc Mortellaro sizes up the competition in Chris Guarnuccio for Peer Mentor Color Wars. Chris added: "I'm playing Jesus in the Aquin Production this year... who's gonna try to win a battle with Jesus?!" PS- Chris' team was victorious in the end.

Off to a good start: the Freshmen Board of Activities

Below: Natalie Gavilanes and Erika Conlon selling treats during the FBA Halloween fundraiser.



Below: FBA member Ryan Mulligan lent a hand at the registration table at the March of Dimes Walk.



The Freshman Board of Activities is a club made up solely of freshman. It is a good club to join to help students become more connected on campus to make a smooth transition into college life. 2007-2008's President, Delia Azcona was quite proud of all the club was able to accomplish this year.

"The FBA Executive Board made sure our members felt like they were contributing to the campus. We spent a lot of time together, cultivating solid friendships and reaching out to new people. The club brought us together; on the surface, we didn't have anything in common, but sharing our activities and interests made it all possible. We did a lot of events this year: a halloween fundraiser, a Christmas bake sale, walking for the March of Dimes and a lot of other activities. With Christie Cruse as our club's advisor, a great sense of unity was developed between all of us. Although my term of Freshman Board of Activities president is over, I hope next year's group can build on our legacy and have fun! --Delia Azcona, FBA President, right



DELIA



Above: The 2007-2008 Freshmen Board of Activities members celebrate and end their year together at the Student Leadership Awards.



Above: FBA members Meagan Rodriguez and Natalie Pinero lend a hand at Family Day.



Below: Members of FBA (with their advisor Christie Cruse) took part in the March of Dimes Walk.



Below: FBA members Adrienne Meagan and Caitlin chat away at the FBA social.

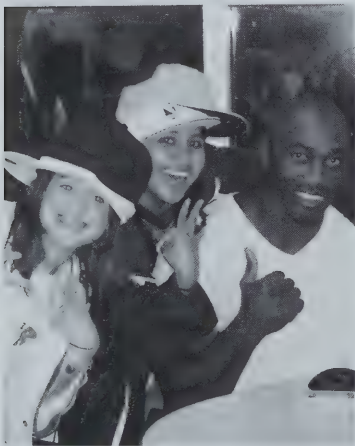
Below: Nataile Gavilanes, Erika Conlon and Delilah Camacho at the final FBA party of the year.



Residence Life: Making You Feel at Home at DC



Above: Posing near the Christmas tree, Director of Residence Life Carlyle Hicks wonders if his Resident Assistants Vilma Saban, Gillian Gonzalez, Jennifer Casey, and Leaa Vallejo (l to r) have been naughty or nice this year.

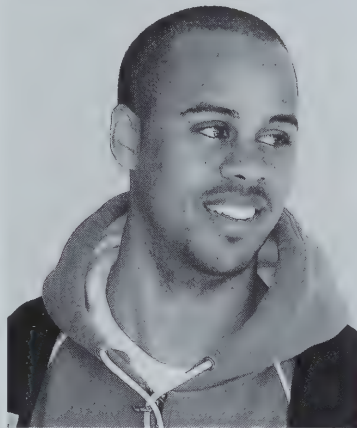


Above: Resident Assistants Jennifer Casey, Vilma Saban, and Stephan Muller sharing a few laughs in the RA Office.



Above: Resident Director of Hertel Hall Jeffery Taveras (pictured with Administrative Assistant Kathy Boylan) gets into the holiday spirit at Winter Wonderland 2008.

Left: Resident Director of Rosary Hall Ryan O'Gorman puts his trust in his RA staff during staff training.



Above: Resident Assistant Abel Curiel always keeps his eye on things to ensure his residents are safe and happy.



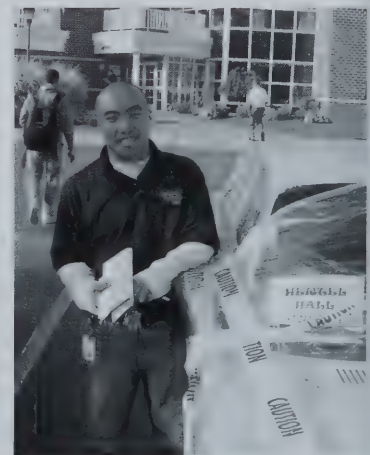
Above: Kerrie Haddican and her Resident Assistant Julissa Diaz spend quality time bonding!



Above: Ryan O'Gorman laughs off a practical joke played by the Hertel Hall Staff.

Maintaining a good balance has allowed me to be effective in everything I have done while at Dominican College. It has prepared me very well for all of my future endeavors. I look forward to moving on and I feel that this position and this institution have helped me develop a great deal of confidence in my abilities. Thanks for the opportunity!" --senior, resident assistant and Psi Chi member Abel Curiel

"Students come to us for assistance for several different things and it's a good to know that I can help them when they need it. Although there are sacrifices that go along with this job, I feel that all these sacrifices were worth it in the end. It has helped me become a more unselfish individual, because I get to work side by side with a team of my fellow RA's. It has also helped me learn to manage my time effectively and stay grounded so I could focus on my studies while maintaining a social life. The position can be overwhelming and stressful at times but I feel that I have done a good job of not letting things get to me. I make sure that my job, school, and personal life are all separate from each other.





ABEL



Above: The Resident Assistants and staff of Dominican College's Office of Residence Life.

Commuter Students Follow their own path in SOCS

Below: Commuter Carlos Garcia tries his luck at the games table during Springfest.



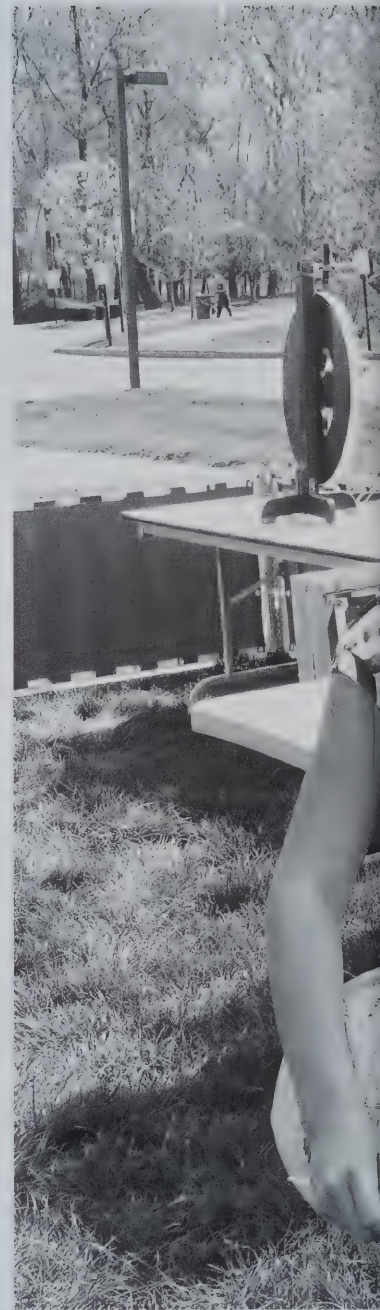
Below: RA Julissa Diaz was proud to support her friend, commuter Patricia Pauyo at the Student Leadership Awards.



Above: Commuters Carlos Garcia and Chris Guarnuccio were both recognized with Student Leadership Awards for their contributions as outstanding leaders on campus.

"SOCS is a club that reaches out just to the commuting students. Our job is to help commuter students be more involved and aware as members of the DC community and to help them feel comfortable being on campus. To achieve that goal, we have meetings twice a week to plan events and we inform commuters about the other events that are happening on campus that other clubs are doing.

As a club member of the SOCS club, I truly enjoyed every moment I spent getting to know the other club members in the student lounge, because it was always full of laughter. I was always amazed at the creative ideas we were coming up with (like the Dog Show). We opened the event to everyone, asking staff, residents and commuter students to bring their cute dogs to compete at Show. It was a success and was really fun: even the dogs made a few new friends! The SOCS club was great and I can't wait for the fall." -freshman Carlos Garcia, pictured right with his family



Commuters Whitney and Patricia manage to strike a balance between home and the campus life. They're both incredibly involved in DC clubs and activities.

CARLOS



Below: Commuter Chris Guarnuccio proudly shows off his 2 awards at the Student Leadership Award Ceremony.



Above: Student Activities Director Jessica Flores brought along her dog to compete in the SOCS Dog Show.

Below: President of SOCS Sharlyn Santos and commuter student Victor Woolworth were an active presence to welcome commuters to Springfest.





Rotaract Advisor and Assistant Admissions Director Rob Tyrrell enjoys a snack while participating in the first annual Box City, an event to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness.



Rotaract Club Treasurer, Nicole Melshenker takes her place for in Box City and prepares for a cold night.



Resident Assistant David Jones tries to catch a little shut-eye during Box City and tries to imagine how hard that must be for people out on the unsafe streets.



ROTARACT joins the DC club scene

"Rotaract just finished its first academic year as an official club based on community-service. It supports individual and club growth, leadership, and community. This year's officers included Nicole Melshenker, as treasurer; Leaa Vallejo, as secretary; Angie Corriea, as vice-President; and me, Vilma L. Saban, as President. There were approximately 25 other club members, most of who were freshmen. We are off to a great start!

The most well known of the activities associated with our club is the monthly Midnight Run. We go into New York City with donations and feed and clothe the homeless. It's a fun, eye-opening experience; not to mention, an

emotional one at times.

This year we decided to focus more campus awareness on the problem of homelessness by hosting an event called Box City. Rotaract members camped out all night on campus in boxes to experience the feeling of being without a place to sleep for the night.

In an effort to promote peace and health worldwide, we also had students help make 1000 paper-cranes to send to Japan. These cranes will be placed by the Children's Peace Monument. The club plans to continue to work to help others and improve student interaction and social awareness on campus in the coming year." - Vilma Saban



Ryan Mulligan trying on a shirt before packing it up in the van for New York City Midnight Run.



Above: Rotaract members prepared bagged lunches for the homeless.

Top: Rotaract co-advisor Admissions Counselor Joe Sullivan marks the sizes on the clothing for the incoming donations.

Vilma



KATIE



Above: Volunteer Erika Conlon loved doing arts and crafts with the children.



"A lot of people aren't really sure what Campus Ministry is, or does. Let me tell you. Campus Ministry is an organization that enables students to explore their spirituality in a variety of ways. Students can participate in one of many of the outreach programs offered in order to help others. There are service projects weeks to the Dominican Republic as well as local day trips to assist with the head-start program for the children of the migrant workers. These programs help you step out of your comfort zone and truly open your eyes to the needs of others. It can really change the way you look at your own life.

You don't necessarily have to go far away to make a difference in your community. In the Big-Brothers Big Sisters Program, DC students are matched with students from Spring Valley High School for a semester to help them stay on the right track. Knowing you are looked up to for guidance and support really makes you more self-aware about how you are living your own life, which can help you grow spiritually too.

Of course, there are the obvious, but meaningful, spiritual programs offered through Campus ministry too. Catholic Mass which is held every Sunday in the Rosary Chapel. This year, a new experience was added to the options...a weekend retreat. The retreat encompassed all of the ways that God can work in one's life. It provided some much needed rest and relaxation from our hectic school lives, and helped us recharge and refocus on what was truly important. Everyone had a great time and knew more about one another and God by the end of the weekend.

In a nutshell, Campus Ministry is a fun group of lively people who enjoy giving back, learning, talking about the issues of today, and enjoy each other's company." --Karie Mirro, sophomore (top left page 66)

Soul Searching with Campus Ministry



Above: Christine Fernandez, Jessica Sital, and Johanna Montoya made a new friend at the Empowerment House in Goshen, NY.



Above and top left: With its scenic view of the Catskill Mountains, the campus ministry retreat and service project gave DC students plenty of opportunities to restore their own spirits.



The DC student volunteers pose for a group picture at the Goshen House on the Hill, after helping to fix up the children's playground.

Right: The quiet moments and spacious surroundings provided a perfect setting for deepening faith and friendship.



Above: Jessica De Sousa and Julissa Diaz take time to soul search and discuss deep thoughts.

The DC Dance Team Hits their Mark



The DC Dance team is united in wanting to establish a new direction for their club.



Dance Team President Kara Pietrogallo shows off a new move.



(Top, above and right): Working hard on their choreography shows the team's commitment to excellence and desire to raise school spirit.



"The dance team is based on students coming together who share a passion for dance and love of performance. The team began in the fall of 2006, thanks to cofounders DaynaMarie DiSiena and Deanna Powers. With hard work and effort, we accomplished many things.

In the second semester, Fall of 2007, needing more time to focus on her school work, Deanna decided that she could no longer take part in the team. She was one of the great contributors and was greatly missed. The team continued under the leadership of DaynaMarie and performed for school events such as Freshman Orientation, Family Day, the Talent Show, and the Christmas Brunch.

Unfortunately in 2008, we again had a change in leadership when DaynaMarie had to begin her student teaching and could no longer take part in the dance team. At that point, we had lost DaynaMarie and the team! With this change, the dance team emerged under its current leadership.

As a team, Kara Pietrogallo and I were able to take the team and reach the next level. We also recruited four new phenomenal dancers to be members of the team and were presented with the opportunity to perform for a National Semi-Pro Basketball League, the NY StrikeForce.

This semester, the team had the opportunity to work with a choreographer, who along with our advisor, Mrs. DiSiena, has helped lead us to success. The team is stronger than ever and we look forward to next year and its new challenges." -Yaneri Arriaga



Tiffany Bartlett throws in a little sass to her routine.



ΨΑΝΕΡΙΣ



Jackie announces to the girls: "It's time to kick it into high gear!"

The World's Our Stage in Aquin Players

Below: The cast of the Wiz takes time out for publicity shots during dress rehearsal.



Below: Patricia Pauyo and Vilma Saban looked adorable in their munchkin costumes.



"Since my freshman orientation, I've been a member of the Aquin Players. At the auditions for FAME my freshman year, I was picked to play the part of Iris the ballet dancer; now, to this day, I am still referred to as 'My Dancer' by our Director, James 'Flip' Filipelli. Over the years, I've also been cast as Joanne in Godspell and Wendy Jo in Footloose, (which was my favorite role!).

The reason I keep coming back to the Aquin Players is because the cast is always great and the people who run it are amazing! Without Flip's fabulous direction, Missy's creative choreography and Q's determination in getting us to sing, the show would never go on. They not only get it all done, but they know how to have a good time, making us laugh along the way. This year, I was treasurer of the club, which was a great responsibility. I hope that our enthusiasm brings even more people into our circle. The more people that get involved the better!"

--Senior, Tina Torro



Step by step, the cast of the Wiz makes sure they get it right at practice with Missy, the cast choreographer. Front and center (above), Ryan Mulligan as the Tin Man with Chris Guarnuccio as the Scarecrow.



Above: Jade Watkins was full of sugar and spice as one of the witches in the Wiz.

TINA



Below: Freshman Nicole Melshenker takes great care and preparation in getting her Munchkin makeup right before the curtain goes up on the show opening night.



Above: Ryan Mulligan and Tina Torro practicing their vocals with "Q", the Aquin Player's vocal coach, during Aquin rehearsal.

Below: Chris Guarnuccio as Scarecrow, Ryan Mulligan as the TinMan, Will Walker as the Cowardly Lion and Kinikia Collier as Dorothy wait for stage direction from Jim Filipelli.





BRANDON



After a long debate, the team relaxes and waits for the results.

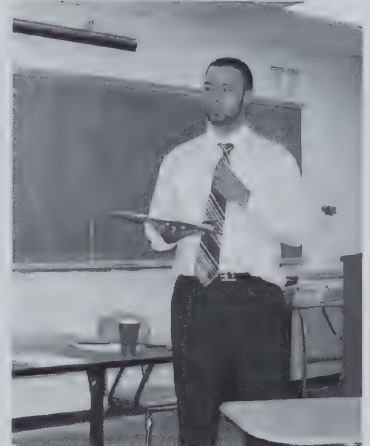
"I created our Debate Team for the reason reflected in Socrates quote, "The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance". I wanted more out of my educational experience; I wanted to explain my capacity to think soundly, construct arguments logically, and to attempt to make sense of the world around me. I also wanted to get similar thinkers who shared similar interests involved in a society. Furthermore, I wanted to help develop the imagination of Dominican College; to work on a message that would be inspiring to others- a message of hope. My hope was that in future years to come, the intellectual infrastructure which would be created here at Dominican would stimulate intense debates on the questions of the day.

I define debate as my life. Debate is the need to both ask the tough questions and wanting to be asked the tough questions. This experience has been invaluable. It has introduced me to such beautiful people, thoughts, and talents. Debate has made me a better person; a person that can now disagree without being disagreeable, a person who can find value in opposing views. I will be attending Law School this Fall and I am ecstatic. I don't think anyone can fully prepare themselves for the rigors of Law School, but I am ready for the challenge. I know that the courage of my convictions and the drive to succeed will serve me well and it all started with creating DC's Debate Team, my brain child." —Brandon Hasbrouck, Debate Team President (pictured top left, page 72)

Speaking Words of Wisdom: DC's Debate Team

Right: Brandon Hasbrouck goes one-on-one with last year's debate champion.

Below: David Imm explains his point of view to the other debate team members.



Right: Michelle Soto takes some time to collect her thoughts before stepping up to the podium.



The 2008 Dominican College Debate Team stands tall and proud.



Congratulations are in order after Dominican College's victory.

The 2007-2008 DC yearbook

The Aubade staff was hard at work on our production days.



ReflectionsonWriter'sBlock: Maria Garcia realizes that coming up with captions isn't as easy as it seems.



As the dedicated Assistant Editor, Blair Larsen-Holtz put in many hours of hard work on the final edits for this book. "I know I must be crazy," she said recently, but it's the toughest job you'll ever love." She'll have no time to rest on her accomplishments, though; just as the 2008 book wraps, a new chapter begins for 2009!

"I first joined yearbook thinking it would be something to help me step out of my shell and grow as a person. I remember walking in and hearing the actual process we would endure to complete the book -- I got a little nervous. However, my fellow yearbook staffmates and my Advisors Denise & Jim became a small family who, several times each week, shared in the frustration that can be yearbook. As the new Editor-In-Chief, I was also young and green--a freshman! I felt accomplished, lending a hand and opinion every step of the way.

Spending long hours in the computer lab, constantly editing and re-imaging pictures, it sometimes felt like a battle that could never be won. As the yearbook is finally coming to a close, however, and I will be going to a different school next year, I find myself sad and a little bit heartbroken that I won't be able to experience it again. Being on yearbook helped me grow into a more mature, responsible person. I know I'm leaving the book in good hands with Blair and John; they're the best!"

-Editor, Natalie Gavilanes



Ryan Mulligan, who never went anywhere without his camera, doesn't look too happy about his "bunny ears". That's a yearbook photo no-no.

AUBADE



Jill Rhein admits that "...when it comes to anything with technology, if it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!"



Co-editor John Montoya always stayed up on the campus news to share with the rest of the staff.

Staff photographer Kristen Sudol shows off some of her latest work to Editor-in-Chief Natalie Galivanes.



Student Leadership Awards 2008

"My college experience has been one that I will never forget. When I first entered Dominican College, I wanted to be a part of everything and anything. Believe me, there is more to college than studying, or partying. Joining the Student Government Association gave me an active voice on campus. When I first decided to join SGA, I ran for freshman class Vice President; I then became the committee coordinator, the Vice President on the Executive Board and am now President. Each step, gave me more experience as a leader.

As a member, I got to plan many events, ranging from a trip to see STOMP, an off Broadway show in New York City; and AIDS Awareness week, which took place November 26th until December 1st, World AIDS Day. I always tried to organize events to keep my peers from being

bored, as well as to help them become a part of something that may impact them in a positive way.

There were a few administrators who really helped me; without them, my eyes would have never been opened to all of these opportunities. Jessica Flores, Director of Student Activities, has been there since day one. Her door was always open and she was always willing to go that extra mile. Last year, I decided to apply to be part of the Peer Mentor program and that was the best thing I could have done. It gave me the chance to interact with the freshman on a daily basis and to be a role model to them. Freshman Year Director Denise Della Porta really took me under her wing too. Both these people helped me grow as a person and as a leader."

--SGA President Steven Laboy

STEVEN



Above top: Yearbook co-editors Natalie Gavilanes and John Montoya got some well-deserved praise.



Above: Resident Assistant Julissa Diaz can to support her friend Patricia Pauyo, an active member of SOCS



Proud Freshman Board of Activities members Ryan Mulligan, Adrian Falconer, and Meagan Rodriguez shared a special bond.



The ceremony creates moments for faculty and staff to honor student leaders. Pictured above is Assistant Freshman Year Director Christie Cruse with Peer Mentor Jade Watkins



Resident Assistants Jillian, Brandon, Abel Curiel, and Vilma Saban paused to reflect on their accomplishments .



Student Ambassadors Shakia Reynolds and Gillian Marziloff were recognized for their warm and friendly outreach to visiting students and families.



Above: Ryan Clancy shows off some footwork and takes his best shot.



Diego Miranda continues the play by aggressively passing the ball.



Above: Soccer certainly keeps you on your toes.



(Right): Co-captains Ryan Clancy (left) and Joseph Ruesgen reflect DC Charger intensity and pride.

DC Chargers Men's Soccer

Dominican College men's soccer player, Jhonny Arteaga was named to the Daktronics Division II Men's Soccer All-America Team on November 28, 2007. Jhonny, a native of Stamford, CT, was named the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Player of the Year. He led the CACC in points (38), goals (16) and game-winning goals (six) this season and also ranked second with six assists. He scored 12 more points and four more goals than anyone else in the conference in leading Dominican to its fourth consecutive CACC regular-season championship. He was

also named to the Division II Daktronics All-New England Region First Team earlier this month. Arteaga is the first CACC men's soccer player to be named to the Daktronics All-America Team, which began last year. He ends his career at DC with 30 goals, 21 assists for a total of 81 points in three years. He had seven game winning goals in 77 games.

"Being part of the Dominican College Soccer Team for four years has been a great experience. I've grown year by year as a person and as a player. The DC Soccer program has given me the opportunity to

develop the technical, physical, tactical and technical aspects of my game and take them to the next level. Now that I'll be ying at the professional level, I see how those upsetting runs and tough training sessions really paid off. I want to thank God, and my family and friends for all their support. I couldn't have been successful without them behind me. I also have to say a special thanks to Coach Campbell for giving me all the opportunities he has given me and for guiding me through my improvements. It meant the world me over the past four years. " -- Jhonny Arteaga, senior (pictured left)



Above: James Hamilton keeps his head in the game.



Top: The 2007 Dominican College Men's Soccer Team.

Above: Goaltender Robert Kelly makes a great save!

Jhonny



Below: Senior Nicole Tatulli explores her on-field options.



Above: Junior Shannon Harding makes an amazing play.

Below: Captain Jennifer Ditzig races to the ball.



DC Chargers Women's Soccer

Dominican's women's soccer player Angela Correia was called to train with the women's national team of Portugal in anticipation of the prestigious 2008 Algarve Cup.



The Algarve Cup, hosted by Portugal, is a full international tournament that ranks behind only the Women's World Cup and the women's soccer competition in the Olympics in terms of international soccer importance.

Below: Freshman player Margaret Porter shows off her skills on the field.



"I'm ecstatic about being given the opportunity to represent my country in such a prestigious tournament," Correia said. "Opportunities like this only happen once; it's not very often that college players get called up to play with the national team. I will be looking forward to going there and savoring the experience."

- (Junior) Angela Correia



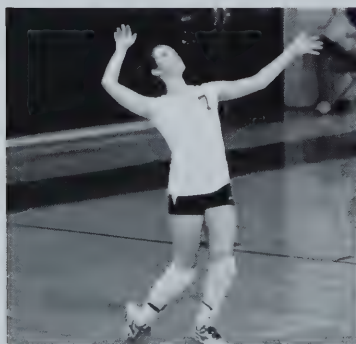
Above: The members of the Dominican College 2007 Women's Soccer Team.

Left: Freshman Jane Dorsey makes an amazing throw.

ANGELA



Below: Co-captain Kaitlin Earl shows off her awesome serve.



Above: Co-captain Kinikia Collier hustles on the court.

Bottom: Junior Theresa Hanneman sets up a play.



DC Chargers Women's Volleyball

"I have had an amazing four years on the Dominican College Volleyball Team. The athletic department has supported our team and has been there for every player that was in need of help.

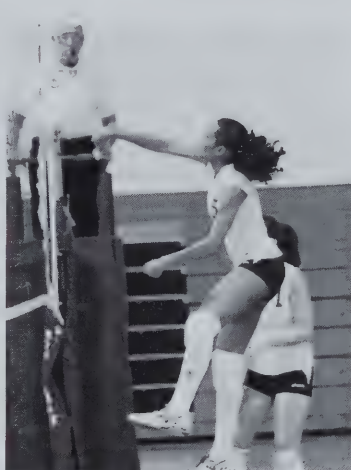
I'm proud to say I've had a close relationship with the girls on the team both on and off the court. This volleyball team has always been blessed with skilled players and energy, but it's been difficult to bring all the talent we have together and win a championship. When I was a freshman, we made it to playoffs and worked hard, but fell short.

Throughout my years here, it's been a challenge to make it to that point again, but the time has been full of memories and laughs with my teammates. I wouldn't change this experience even if I were given the chance."

-Antonette Hackett, senior, pictured left



Above: Freshman Catherine Giordano extends her reach.



Top: Junior Ashley Simpson makes an amazing serve.

Above: The Lady Chargers huddle during a timeout.

ANTONETTE



Above: Sophomore Lauren Palermo avoids a spike.

DC Chargers Mens Basketball

"I have been dedicated to playing basketball as a member of the DC Chargers for four years. Four different years, four different teams. I've watched so many players come and go. It's been an experience. The best thing about playing for Dominican has been knowing that I had enough talent at this sport to earn myself an opportunity. It gave me the ability to receive a quality education at a great school without having to decrease the money in my parents' pockets. That was really important to me: to get myself here because of my own efforts.

Playing basketball disciplined me and taught me how to be dedicated--to make up my mind to do whatever

I had to do to be successful and make the most of the opportunity I was given. Getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning for practices, you have to be committed and serious about wanting it. I realized that these were the same qualities I was going to need after college to be successful-- that same drive to get up and go. Being a part of a team also taught me a lot about dealing with people. You have to learn to adapt to all the different egos on the team. You go through ups and downs, but have to work together to get the job done. Being a DC Charger taught me all these things and more-- it prepared me for the future. I am grateful for the experience." -- Shelton Gibbs, senior (pictured right)

SHELTON



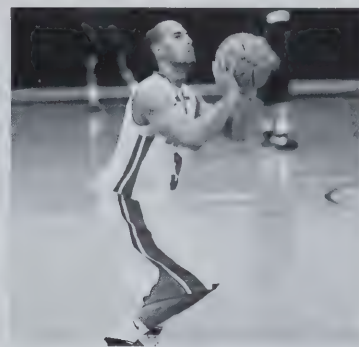
(Top): Damien Davis reaches up and over his opponent to make the basket.



Willie Carty shows his determination to make the two-point shot.

(Below): James Mosser takes it down the court.





Johnathan Guzman focuses on getting the ball in the net.



Damien Davis leaps up to take a shot for the Chargers.



(Bottom) Irakli Sakvarelidze cuts across for a clean pass.



(Right): Abdul Suliaman is airborne...nothing but net !



(Below): Nothing but net for Senior Captain Kristen Tracey.



(Above): Junior Margaret Henn is poised for a lay-up.

(Below): The Charger team mates talk strategy during an important game.

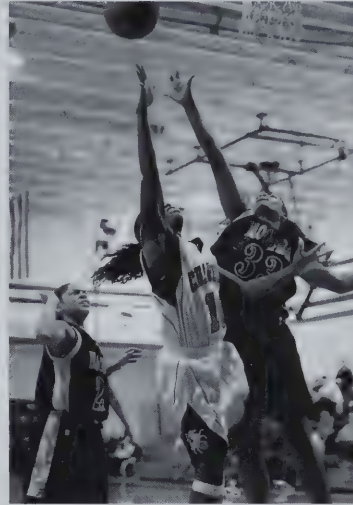


DC Chargers Women's Basketball

Playing Women's Basketball at Dominican was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. This year was the most successful out of all four of my years on the Charger team. We were CACC North Division Champions, and we made it to the conference finals. The best part was, for the first time in school history, we made it to the NCAA tournament.

My experiences as a Dominican College Lady Charger not only taught me how to perform on the court, but more importantly, the lessons I learned prepared me for life after basketball. I will always remember my experience as a basketball player at Dominican. It's something I will carry with me forever!"

-Senior Captain Dana Rotio



(Above): Reaching for an important rebound.



(Above): Shalissa Burgess plays some mean defense.



(Above): Sophomore Lindsay Garrahan sets her sights on the basket.



(Above): Junior Althea Chambers dazzles the court with her fancy footwork.

DANA



Above: senior captain Joe Assante
defends the Charger net.



Above: sophomore Alex Jones
dodges around his defender.



Above: freshman Dave Maresse
takes a defensive position.

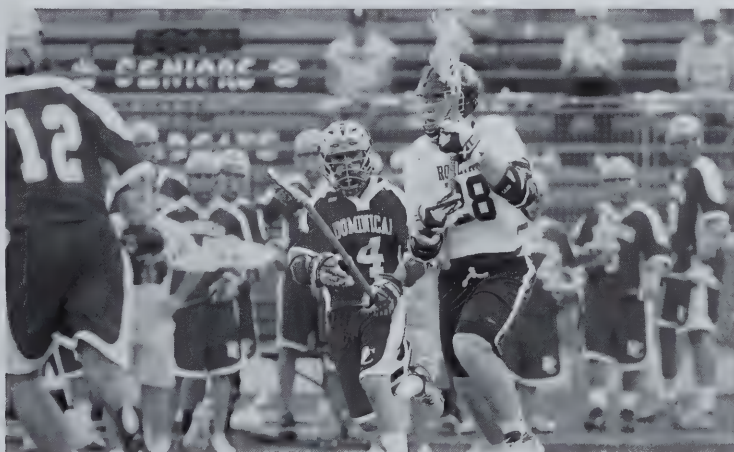


DC Chargers' Men's Lacrosse

The Dominican College Men's Lacrosse program finished the 2008 season with a 5-10 record and an East Coast Conference (ECC) record of 0-6. DC completed their second season in the tough ECC Conference, going up against some of the toughest teams in the country. Sophomore Alex Jones once again led the team with 28 goals this season and second with 33 total points. Senior goalie Joe Assante played all 15 games this season and set a new program record for career saves with 510. He had a 188 saves this season and a .577 save percentage. He led the ECC in saves per game (12.47), ranked third in save percentage and fifth in goals against average (10.68). Transfer Pat O'Shea finished third on the team with 17 goals and captain Remo Montalbano had 11 goals on the year. Freshman Jesse Peterson led the team with 16 assists and tallied 21 points on the year. Junior Owen Smith III set a new program record this season for career points with a 133 total points. He led the team with 36 total points and finished second in goals (23) and assists (13). He finished 10th in the ECC in shots per game and tied for fifth in man-down goals per game.

"As a member of the Lacrosse Team for the 2006, 2007, and 2008' seasons, I had some of the best moments in my life. Being able to break the overall point record was only made possible because of my teammates and coaches. I would have to say the Men's Lacrosse Team at Dominican College is the best and most well rounded group of guys that anyone could ever want to be a part of. As I look back, I want to thank other players from my class for an even better experience than I could have hoped for. I feel like I was part of an incredible bunch of guys and it was the best three years of my life. Special thanks to guys like Jeremy Arcaro, Joe Cobis, Remo Montalbano, Paul Ocana, Tom Walters, but really, every player from the team made my time as a DC Charger something that will always be close to my heart. I will always be able to look back at my experiences and remember all of you with respect and appreciation. Good luck to the Dominican Lacrosse Team in all future years -- keep working hard and treasure every moment. Oh, and a bit of advice.... in the words of Manny Rapkin, Don't Be A (Jerk). Much love and good luck!"

--- Owen J. Smith III (junior, pictured left)



OwEEn

Right: Junior Jeremy Arcano charges down the field.

DC Chargers Women's Lacrosse

Below: Co-captain and goalie Lindsey Grudfast is on the job defending the net.



Below: Junior Kayla MacDonald takes it down-field to make a play.



Above: DC LAX Lady Chargers huddle before the game begins.

"I never saw Lacrosse played before when I was asked to help start the team here at DC. It was exciting to learn something new and a real challenge to establish a new team on campus. It's also really taught me confidence on and off the field. I want to thank Coach for giving me an opportunity to be a founding member."

- Senior Shakia Reynolds (pictured right, on the left),

"I loved lacrosse! It definitely impacted me. I made so many friendships off the field with the girls that went beyond our just being teammates. Being captain definitely was a challenge, though. My team constantly looked to me for advice and guidance on the field and off. Knowing that we started something at DC that will only grow and improve after we're gone is such a very special thing to me. Good luck girls-take it straight to the top!"

- Senior Co-captain Meghan Hesterberg (pictured right, on the right)



Above: Junior Kelly Rocco runs into battle to help her teammates.

SHAKIA & MEGHAN



Below: Freshman Silje Karlsen is hard at work on the field.

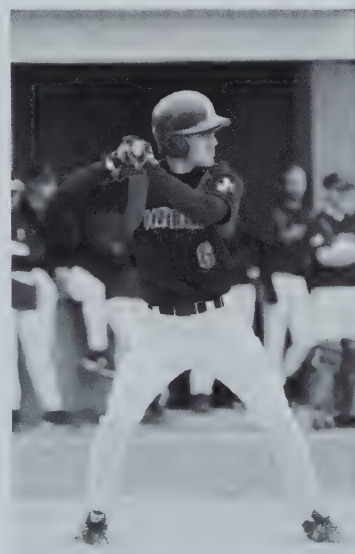
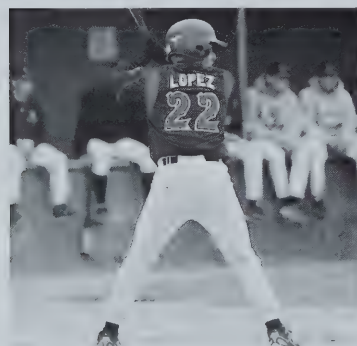
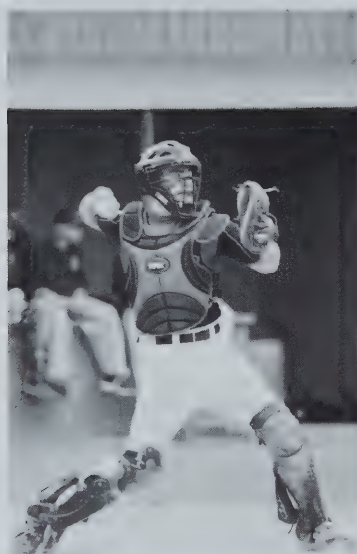


Above Ashley Ordemann shares a laugh on the sidelines with co-captain Meghan Hesterberg.

Below: Captain Sarah Kiernan fights to make the play.



DC Chargers Men's Baseball



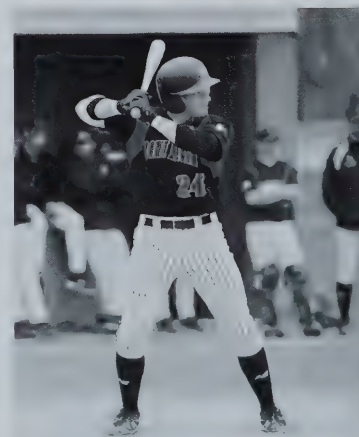
Dominican College baseball player, Tommy Mejia, was signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs in June 2008. Mejia, a right handed pitcher from Brooklyn, NY, finished the 2008 season with a 4-3 record, leading the team with 71.0 innings pitched and was third with a 3.04 ERA. He finished third in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) in opposing batting average (.201) and strike outs (75). His career at Dominican spanned the 2005 through 2008 seasons, compiling a 14-13 record and 4 saves in 48 total appearances. He threw 7 complete games out of 30 games, starting for a total of 220.2 innings pitched at DC. He recorded 179 total strikeouts and finished his career with a .252 opponent batting average and a 4.36 ERA.

"It's very exciting to see Tommy getting a shot at pro ball" said Head Coach Rick Giannetti. "He worked very hard during his four years at Dominican, and it's great to see he'll be able to continue his career." Mejia will report to the Mesa Cubs, the rookie team in the Chicago Cubs Minor League Organization, becoming the 26th player from the Dominican College baseball program to sign a professional contract.

"I learned a lot because I was a part of the DC baseball team; not only about baseball, but about what it meant to work hard and be responsible. Head Coach Rick Giannetti expected the best from his players and if you didn't give it your all, he would always let you know. That work ethic—100% hard work and dedication got me to where I am today and I will always be grateful. Getting signed was a dream come true for me. I sacrificed so many things to get here and play professional baseball. To finally get this chance- there's no other way to say it: it is just a dream come true! All the sacrifices were worth it and I am on my way." -- Tommy Mejia, senior, (pictured top left, page 101)



Tommy signs on the dotted line.





"During my four years of baseball at Dominican, I made a lot of good friends which I'll always remember and keep in I touch with. The experiences I had being part of this team: how to multi-task, understanding my role as a team member, stepping up to be a leader, working hard and even staying positive during the ups and downs are skills I will carry with me into the work environment and are going to benefit me so much in life after college. My experience at Dominican as a student athlete was awesome and I hope that everyone can look back on their time at DC and appreciate it as much as I did." (Sean Brown, senior, pictured top right)

TOMMY & SEAN



Below: Freshman Nicole Scarilloc comes out swinging.



Above: Senior Christine Stathes makes another great play.

Below: Junior Gina Pollitt waits for the signal to run.



DC Chargers Softball

Dominican College softball player, Sarah Beck (pictured left), was named to the 2008 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II All-Northeast Region First Team by the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

Beck, a junior outfielder from Milto, NY, finished second on the team this year with a .383 batting average. She was also second in hits (67), doubles (9), total bases (87) and RBIs (35). She finished third in runs scored (27). She finished eighth in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) in batting average and finished the year with a .914 fielding percentage.

For her efforts, Beck was named to the All-CACC First Team for the second time in her career and was previously named the 2006 CACC Rookie of the Year. She was also one of the team captains this season.

Below: Christine Stathes, Jackie Terpstra, Kristine Knuth have a conference on the mound.



Below: Up at bat, freshman Kristi Dillon waits for the pitch.



Above: The Lady Chargers congratulate one another after a victory.

Left: Captain, senior Kristine Knuth goes for the ball.



SARAH



Basketball alumni came to support the award winners.



The recipient of the Sue Heller Memorial Scholarship Award, Nicole Genzanto, shows off her award.



Coach Burke gives his team a pep talk before the game.



Bobby Mulligan & Sue Heller Memorials

"It is a great honor and achievement to have been the recipient of the 2008 Bobby Mulligan scholarship. The scholarship is intended for the member of the basketball team who displays great dedication and responsibility to the team. To know that the coaching staff feels that I was deserving of this scholarship meant a great deal to me. I have always felt that it is important for each member of a team to be completely dedicated to their team.

When I first became involved with basketball, I was in my junior year of high school. My high school coach instilled this really deep commitment in everyone. From him, I learned that the coaching cliché, "There's No Excuse for Hard Work" is the best mindset anyone can have. The

players on his teams were never extraordinarily talented, nor your typical basketball players, yet, somehow, he had successful teams. He preached to all of us that "If you don't work hard, you're going to get beat by someone more talented."

Since then, I have carried that same spirit of dedication to my team. I always use it to help myself and everyone else. I brought that with me to Dominican. When you're surrounded by an incredible coaching staff that gives all the support possible to help each team member be successful (such as the coaches from my high school and here at Dominican have done), it is very easy to want to help. I'm so glad I could." -Michael Coffey (pictured left with DC President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien)



Above and top: The Players of the Sue Heller and Bobby Mulligan Memorial Scholarship Games.

MICHAEL

Seniors

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Gregg Aarons
Maria Abelard
Sheila Marie Abille
Andrea Albers
Jacinta Alisa



Divina Alorro
Ashley Amy
Laura Anderson
Sophia Aristilde
Jhonny Arteaga



Jasmine Augustin
Julio Baez, Jr.
Sharon Barba
Christine Barnes
Melissa Bayani



Maribel Bennett
Philip Bouchet
Katie Britney
Jill Brown
Sean Brown

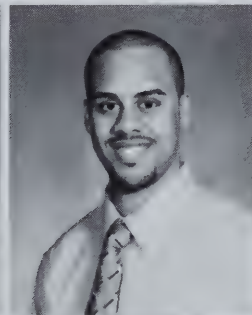




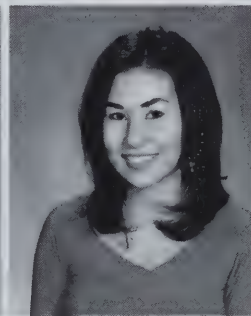
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Linda Christensen
Sandra Ciganek
Jennifer Claehsen



Ryan Clancy
Dionna Coleman
Chakyia Coles
Diana Costa
Guerline Cothia



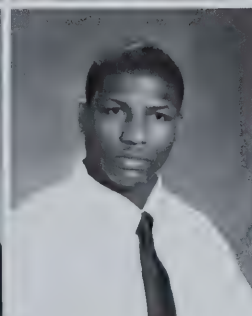
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Anita Creighton
Abel Curiel
Patricia Darius
Ashley Deckler



Gina Dibbini
Nicole Dicarolo
DaynaMarie DiSiena
Gonul Donuk
Marietta Dublin-Pavon



Tricia Dugan
Maria S. Erardy
Nahomie Ferdilus
Jennifer Ferrara
Yolanda Gardner



Claudia Gardner-Benn
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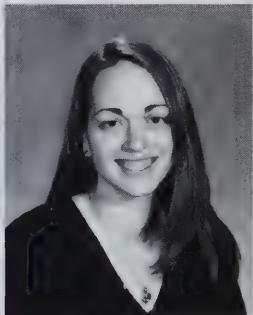
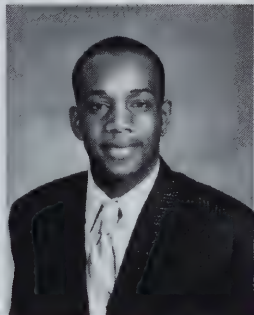
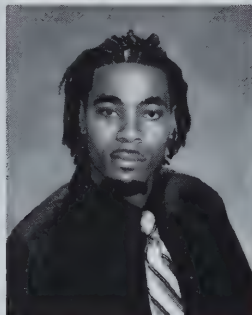
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Thomas Hassel
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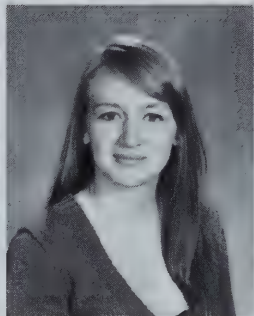
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Jeanne Jeanlus
Sharon Jimenez
Arun Joan-Thomas



Jason Joseph
Judy Joseph
Dane Kennedy
Kara Killmer
Tom Kirlon



Gail Krone
Andrea LaMendola
Tara Leahy
Vanessa Leger
Danielle Loffredo



Julianna Maggiore
Michelle Martinez
Mariann McCarthy
Lindsay Megdanis
Kathryn Mercury



Euphemie
Milceus-Girault
Felisha Miller
Kyle Miller
Patricia Minervini
Diego Miranda





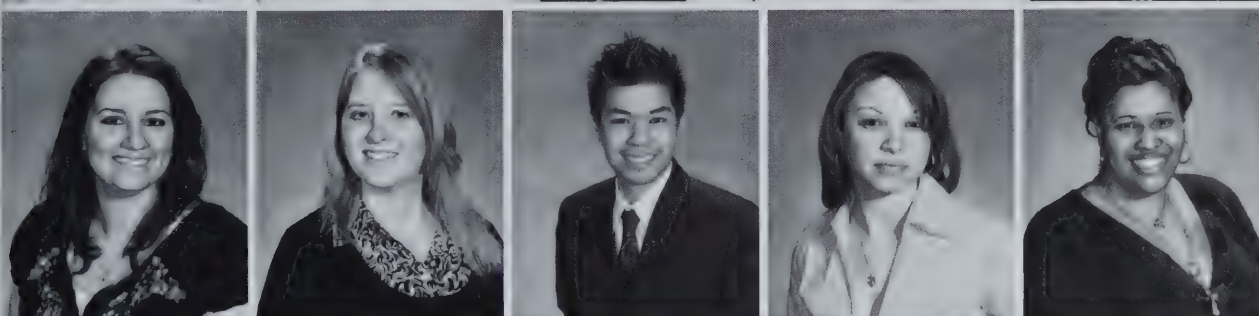
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Alex O'Connell
Aderonke Olubummo



George Omondi
Kathleen Onderdonk
Krystie Paccione
Malgorzata Page
Jonathan Phillips



Erin Ploetz
Andrew Powell
Deanna Powers
Pablo Pozo
John Purpura



Lauren Quinn
Pamela Redmond
Nino Reyes
Jennifer Rivera
Katrina Roberts



Matthew Robertson
Robert Rockerfeller
Lorraine Rodriguez
Katherine Rodriguez
Robert Rosenfeld



Nicole Ross
Stephen Russell
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Susan Ruszkowski
Jillian Shockey

Corinne Siracusa
Donna Steiner Delarm
Damayanthi Sujanthan
Nicole Tattuli
Melanie Temporosa



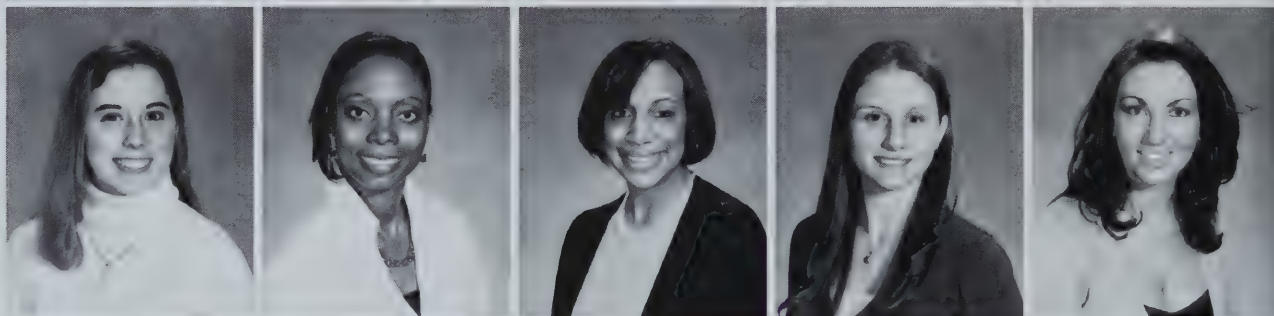
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Cynthia Tobolski
Kristina Toro
Charisse Torres
Marielle Totaro



Magdala Toussaint
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Katie Wangrycht
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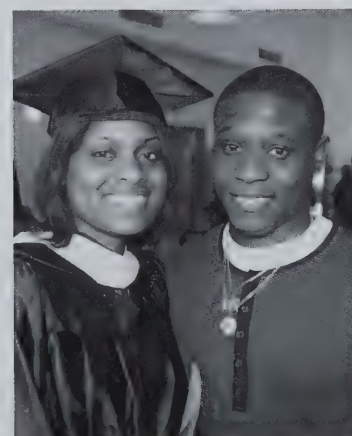
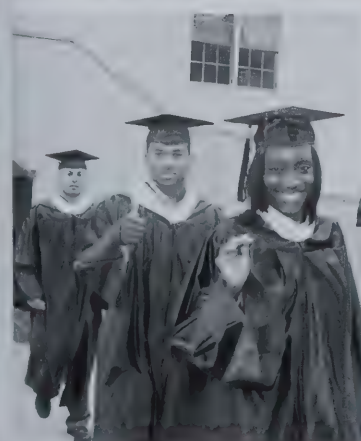
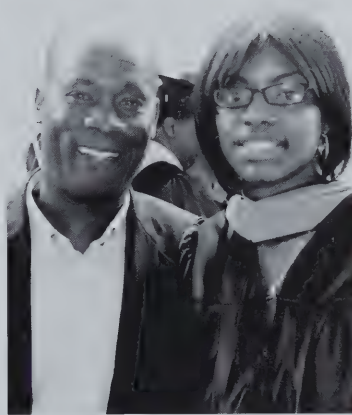


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Victor Woolworth
Geraldine Wright
Winnie Yiu



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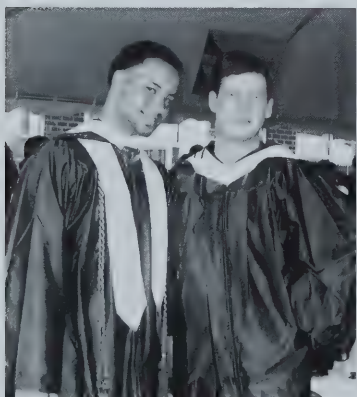




Vice-President for Academic Affairs Thomas Nowak (above) was one of many faculty on hand to congratulate DaynaMarie at the Alpha Chi induction during the Honors Convocation.



Other Baccalaureate Award recipients included Katie Britney (above) and Brandon Hasbrouck (below left). Students were recognized for their consistent leadership, academic excellence, and outstanding contributions to the Dominican community.



Senior Class Vice-President Andrea LaMendola and Senior Class President DaynaMarie DiSiena (top left to right) had the honor of carrying the Dominican College Seal during the Commencement Ceremony. Both students held significant leadership roles throughout their years at Dominican, such as being on Student Government. Pictured right, DaynaMarie shares a proud moment with her mom, Dominican Communications Professor AnnMarie DiSiena during the SGA Induction ceremony.

Senior Class President honored at the Baccalaureate Awards

Senior Class President DaynaMarie DiSiena was recognized for her outstanding contributions to Dominican college at the Baccalaureate Award Ceremony this year, along with several of her fellow graduates. The start of DaynaMarie's college career marked the beginning of her long range goal of striving for a balance between leadership and excellence. Along her way, she earned academic honors each of the four years at DC . . . the Sr. Miriam Catherine Nevins Award, Alpha Chi Honors Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Campus Involvement, the Sr. Michele Nugent Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership and Scholarship, the Dohn Harshbarger Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Life of the College, the Outstanding Student Teacher Award; the Brian Schroeder Award for Academic Excellence in Mathematics, and the Dominican College Outstanding Senior Award. Here are some reflections from several of her instructors:

"DaynaMarie is one of those special students who a professor dreams of, but her excellence in the classroom goes beyond just doing the course work well. What makes her special is that she is excited to learn new ideas, she explores concepts outside class discussions, she questions theories; she offers opinions; and best of all, she applies

learning to her life. That is why she has been such a good leader at Dominican and it is what will make a great teacher, because we all never stop learning." -- Mark Meachem, Arts and Sciences

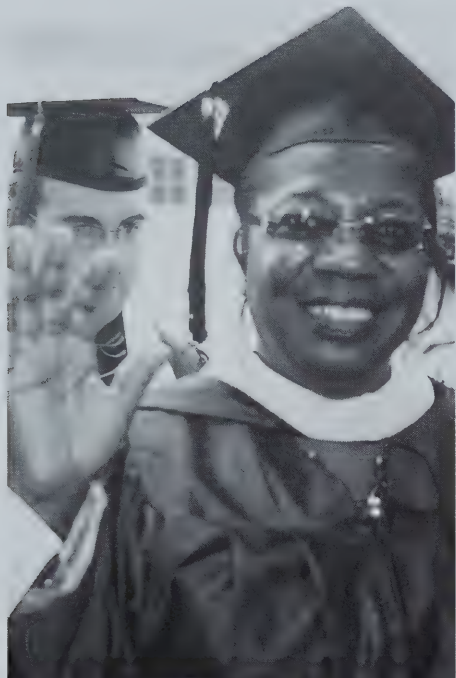
"During my many years at Dominican, I have yet to find a hard working, mature, and driven young educator than DaynaMarie DiSiena. Not only has DaynaMarie excelled academically, but she has been a part of the Dominican Difference in her classes, outside of class and in the community. She combines the strengths of family, friends and mentors and directs her efforts to goals that are both stimulating and rewarding. Her middle school students are in for a challenge and a treat as she begins her first year in the noble profession of teaching."-- Dr. Mike Kelly, Education Faculty

"She is one of those exceptional Education Division students who not only excelled in the classroom but also distinguished herself as a student teacher by earning the Education Division's 'Outstanding Student Teacher Award'. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and natural talent combined to make her a fundamentally sound young professional and the type of teacher who is going to touch the lives of her future students." -- Dr. Roger Tesi, Director of the Division of Teacher Education

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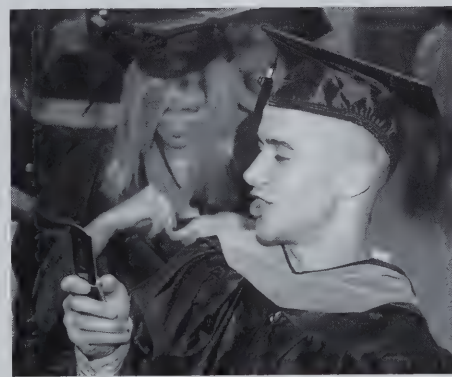


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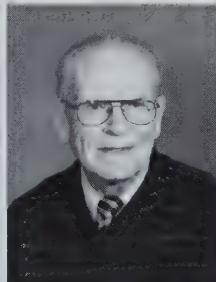
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John Armstrong
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John Burke
Elisha Byles
Jerome Cashmen
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Joseph Clinton
Sandra Countee
Matthew Coyne
Jim Crawley
Maureen Creegan



Christie Cruse
Roy Delemos
Patrick Delices
Bonnie Desimone
Mary Diamant



Ellen Dolgin
Virgina Dunne
Maureen Eanniello
Brian Fernandes
James Filipelli





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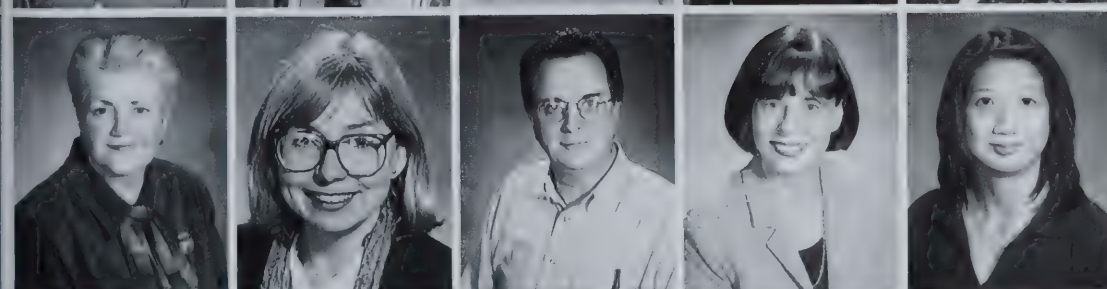
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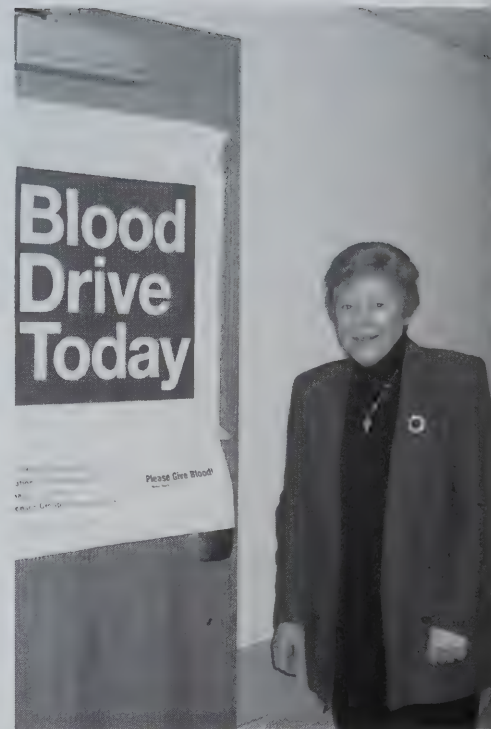
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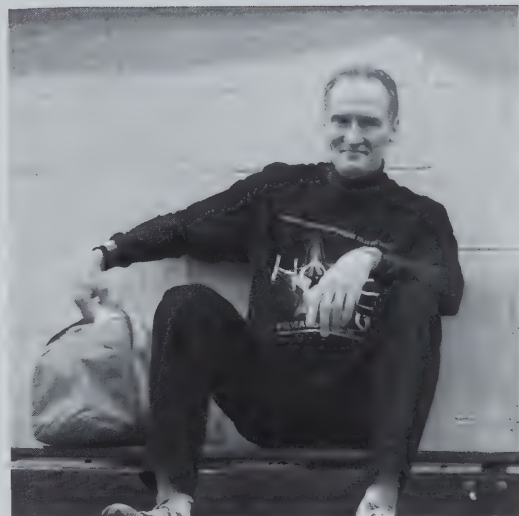


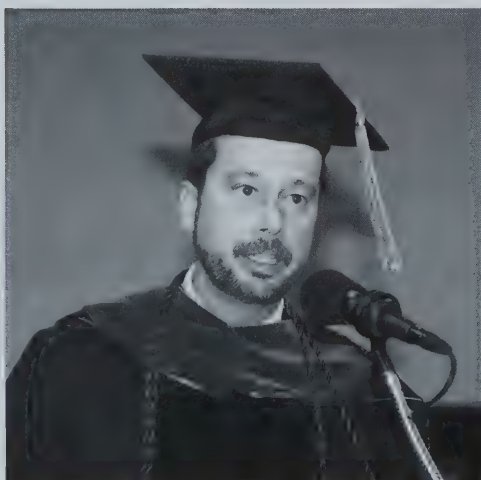
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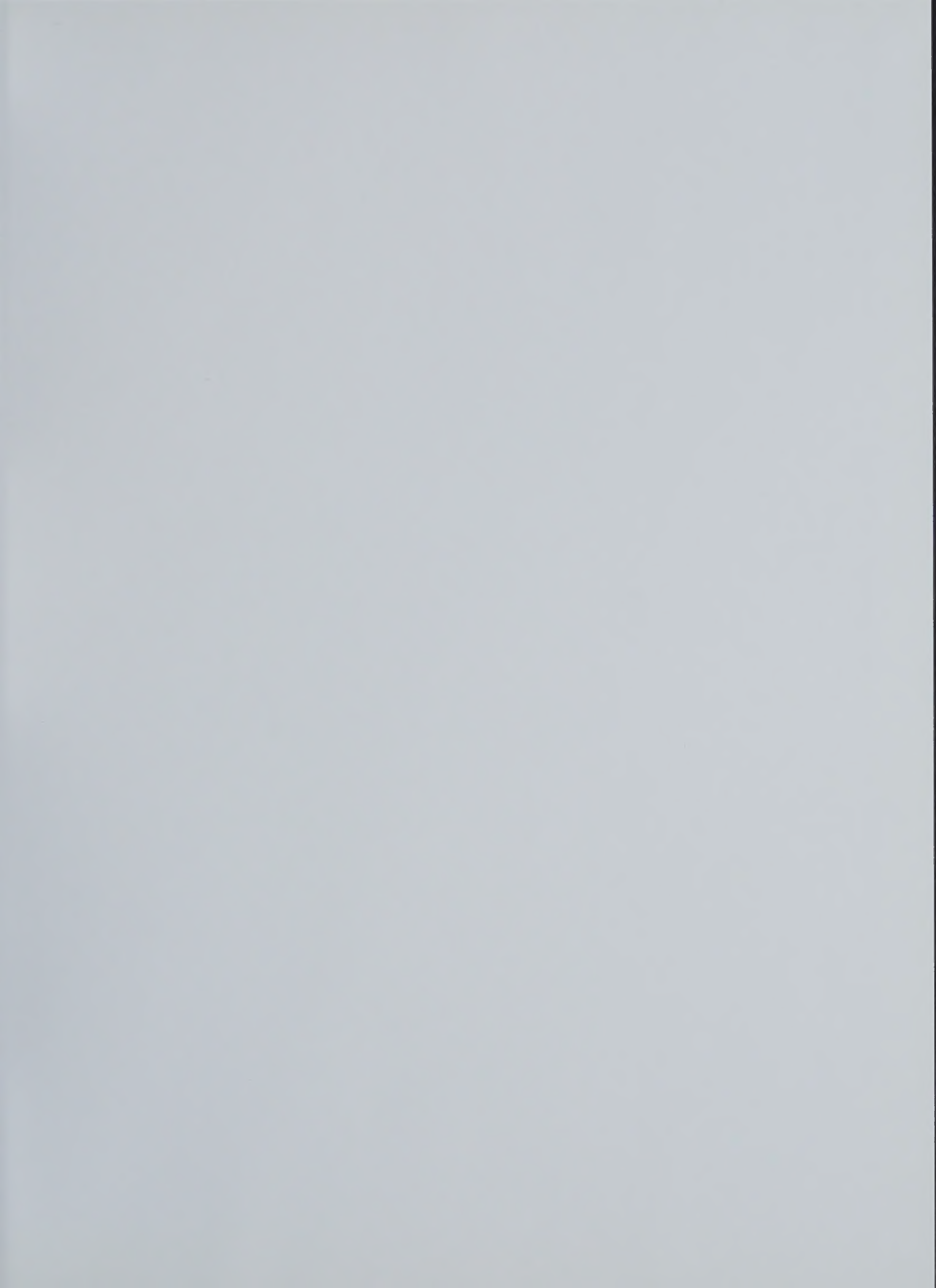






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